# **CVUSD's Unit Planning Organizer**

Subject Grade	ELA 6
Unit Title	Unit 5: Documenting Innovations
Length of Unit (Include days and minutes per day)	25 days (5 days buffer), 90 minutes per day
Overview of Unit	This unit focuses on the innovative advances of ancient civilizations. Students will research a specific ancient civilization, write a business letter, create a storyboard, and film a documentary. The overarching theme is to argue that a specific ancient civilization is the most innovative in its contributions to contemporary culture.

Priority Common Core State Standards *Priority Standards are the standards around which supporting standards are organized	Reading Foundations Standard
	(For Grades K-5 only)
RI.6.1.: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
RI.6.8.: Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.	
<ul> <li>W.6.1.: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</li> <li>W.6.1.a.: Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.</li> <li>W.6.1.b.: Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li> </ul>	
<b>SL.6.1.:</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 6 topics, texts, and issues</i> , building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.	
<b>SL.6.1.b.:</b> Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	
<b>SL.6.1.d.:</b> Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.	
Supporting Standards *Supporting Standards are intricately woven through each of the performance tasks of the unit	ELD Standards

<b>W.6.4.:</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the o	development, organization, and style are appropriate
to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific e	xpectations for writing types are defined in
standards 1–3 above.)	

RI 6.1, RI 6.8 W 6.1A-B, W 6.4. W 6.6 SL 6.1B, SL 6.1D, SL 6.3 L 6.1A

- **W.6.6.:** Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.
- **W.6.7.:** Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
- **SL.6.2.:** Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.
- **SL.6.3.:** Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
- **L.6.1.**: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
  - **L.6.1.a.:** Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).

"Unwrapped" Concepts (Students need to know)	"Unwrapped" Skills (Students need to be able to do)	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels of Cognitive Rigor	Webb's Depth of Knowledge	
RI.6.1.				
Text Evidence	Cite			
Of what the text says explicitly	Analyze	Level 4: Analyze	Level 3: Strategic Thinking/ Reasoning	
Inferences drawn from text	Infer			
RI.6.8				
The argument and specific claims in the text	Trace Evaluate	Level 5: Evaluate	Level 4: Extended Thinking	
Claims that are supported by reasons and evidence and those that are not	Distinguish		Thirking	
W.1.a.b				
<ul> <li>Arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence</li> </ul>	Write			
• Claim(s)	Introduce	Level 6: Create	Level 4: Extended	
Reasons and evidence clearly	Organize	201010.01040	Thinking	
Credible sources	Use			
An understanding of the topic or text	Demonstrate			
SL.6.1.b.d  • Collaborative discussions	Engage		Level 3: Strategic	
Rules for collegial discussion	Follow	Level 4: Analysis	Thinking and	
Multiple perspective through reflection and paraphrasing	Demonstrate		Reasoning	

Essential Questions	Corresponding Big Ideas	
Why is textual evidence essential to a reader's understanding? (RI 6.1)	Readers support their analysis of text by citing textual evidence. (RI 6.1)	
Why does an author support their claim? (RI 6.8) Why do readers need specific claims in an argument? (W 6.1)	Quality arguments are based on clearly stated claims that are supported by convincing reasons and relevant evidence. (RI 6.8, W 6.1)	
What is the importance of reflection in a collegial discussion? (SL 6.1)  Having an understanding of multiple perspectives within interaction can help strengthen an argument through the reflection and paraphrasing claims. (SL 6.1)		
Unit Vocabu	ılarv Words	
Academic Cross-Curricular Words	Content/Domain Specific Vocabulary	
Achievement	Analyze	
Accomplishment	Argument	
Advancement	• Cite	
Civilization	Demonstrate	
Contribution	Distinguish	
Innovative	Engage	
	Evaluate	
	• Infer	
	Introduce	
	Organize	
	Propaganda	

	Trace
Resources for Vocabulary Development (Inclu	ide at least one resource for English Learner)
Word Chart • I	Frayer Model

Unit Formative Assessments of Priority Standards (Embed Documents)		
Pre-Assessment	Post-Assessment	
Grade 6 ELA Unit 5 Pre Test	Grade 6 ELA Unit 5 Post Test	
Pre-Assessment Rubrics and Answer Keys	Post-Assessment Rubrics and Answer Keys	
Grade 6 ELA Unit 5 Pre Test Teacher Booklet	Grade 6 ELA Unit 5 Post Test Teacher Booklet	

Overview of the Culminating Learning Experience (Situation, challenge, role, audience, product or performance)				
Describe the Culmin	nating Learning Experience for this unit of study:	Suggested Length of Time (Include days and minutes per day)		
Students attend a "docu	mentary premiere" and watch the documentaries from all sixth graders.	1 day, 90 minutes per day		
	Synopsis of Performance Tasks			
Authentic Performance Tasks	Description	Suggested Length of Time (Include days and minutes per day)		

Task 1:	Use a graphic organizer to record the textual evidence and inferences to support your claim that your ancient civilization is more innovative than other civilizations.	3 days, 90 minutes per day
Task 2:	Use the graphic organizer to write a letter for the following prompt:  There is a new organization that is looking to recognize the ancient civilization that was the most innovative in their contributions to society. Write a letter to the "Nobel Innovation Award" committee to convince them that your civilization was the most innovative. Students need to support their claim with citations from three credible sources.	4 days, 90 minutes per day
Task 3:	Students create a storyboard to plan and organize the information to be presented in a documentary highlighting their civilizations' advancements.	7 days, 90 minutes per day
Task 4:	Collaborate with your group to create and film a two-minute commercial that will convince the audience, the "Noble Innovation Award" committee, that your ancient civilization was the most innovative and deserves recognition.	10 days, 90 minutes per day

Title of Authentic	Ancient Civilization Innovation	Length:
Performance Task 1		3 days, 90 minutes per day

	Priority Standards for Task 1:			
Standards Addressed in Authentic	<ul> <li>RI.6.8.: Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing clair reasons and evidence from claims that are not.</li> <li>SL.6.1.: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups partners on <i>grade 6 topics, texts, and issues</i>, building on others' ideas and express SL.6.1.b.: Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, needed.</li> <li>SL.6.1.d.: Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of mureflection and paraphrasing.</li> </ul>	s, and teacher-led sing their own cla and define individ	d) with diverse early. dual roles as	
Performance Task 1	Supporting Standards for Task 1:			
<b>W.6.4.:</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropria purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3				
	W.6.7.: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.			
	L.6.1.: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.6.1.a.: Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).			
	<b>SL.6.2.</b> : Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.			
Detailed Description	Performance Task:			
of Authentic Performance Task 1	Use a graphic organizer to record the textual evidence and inferences to support your claim that your ancient civilization is more innovative than other civilizations.	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	Webb's DOK	
	Suggested Teaching and Learning Sequence:	Level 4 - Analyze	Level 3 – Strategic	
	<ul> <li>Reteach stating a claim, citing textual evidence, and making inferences about the text. (RI.6.8)</li> </ul>		Thinking and Reasoning	
distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims			· Authentic nce Task 1 locument)	

	that are not. (RI.6.8)
	<ul> <li>Teach propaganda so students understand unsupported claims.</li> </ul>
•	<ul> <li>Teacher needs to explain the different performance tasks of Unit 5, so students have a clear direction</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>For a class of 31, there will be four groups of six students and one group of seven students</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Each group will be assigned a different civilization to research:</li> </ul>
	1. Mesopotamia
	2. Egypt

3. Greece

4. China

5. Rome

6. India

\*\*Some other civilizations lack the supporting evidence to be innovative.

- In their groups, students need to research the advancements of their assigned civilization. Research can be obtained from the social studies text, library resources, and online resources. Assigning research as homework may be more time efficient. Students need at least three credible sources. (SL.6.1.b.d)
- Students independently record their findings on the graphic organizer
  - o Refer to "Graphic Organizer" in the resources.

#### **Response to Instruction and Intervention**

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Instructional Strategies (Minimum of 3)	Differentiated Strategies for Intervention (Minimum of 6)	Differentiation Strategies for Enrichment (Minimum of 3)	Interdisciplinary Connections	
Vocabulary Development:     Discuss the definition of     "innovations". List synonyms     and use the word in a     sentence. Brainstorm     American innovations.	<ul> <li>Small group: Review the different types of propaganda.</li> <li>Adjusted level of rigor: Reduce the number of sources to two, including the Social Studies text</li> </ul>	Students will look at the overall  impact of the society and pay special attention to	Ancient Civilizations	
Small Groups: Review propaganda and their use in	Small group or individual:     Assist with research and	translating what     impact		

**Graphic Organizer Rubric** 

commercials. Students can discuss current commercials and the propaganda used in each.  • Credibility: Use the provided materials to review credibility. Students can brainstorm examples of credible sources and not credible sources.	completing the graphic organizer.	•	today's world.  TLAD –Adopt a particular discipline to support arguments of your civilization utilizing the disciplines particular area of study.	
Teacher Resource	es and Materials		Student Resources	and Materials
(e.g., Textbook References, Multi-				
Sources and				
Textbook References:				
Holt Ancient Civilizations Textbook				
Other Books:				
Other Books.				
Audio/Visual Resources:				
Propaganda Techniques Prezi – this p				
techniques used in commercials. You				
prezi. There is also checking for under assignment at the end. Preview before				
assignment at the end. Freview belon	e showing the class.			
Propaganda in Commercials and Political	tics – this prezi has commercials			
and political commercials that address	ses different propaganda			
techniques. Preview before showing	the class.			
Purdue Owl Argument Website				
Additional Print Sources:				

Other Resources:		

Title of Authentic	Writing to Win	Length:	
Performance Task 2		4 days, 90 mini	utes per day
Standards Addressed in Authentic Performance Task 2	<ul> <li>Priority Standards for Task 2:</li> <li>RI.6.1.: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as text.</li> <li>W.6.1.: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. <ul> <li>W.6.1.a.: Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.</li> <li>W.6.1.b.: Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible an understanding of the topic or text.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Supporting Standards for Task 2:</li> <li>W.6.4.: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and sepurpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined)</li> <li>W.6.6.: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as the others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage L.6.1.a.: Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possible)</li> </ul>	e sources and destruction are appropriately are appropriately are appropriately and are	emonstrating ate to task, above.) llaborate with a single sitting.
Detailed Description of Authentic Performance Task 2	Performance Task:  Use the graphic organizer to write a letter for the following prompt:  There is a new organization that is looking to recognize the ancient civilization that was	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	Webb's DOK
	the most innovative in their contributions to society. Write a letter to the "Nobel Innovation Award" committee to convince them that your civilization was the most	Level 6 - Create	Level 4 – Extended Thinking

	innovative. Support your claim with citations from credible sources.  Suggested Teaching and Learning Sequence:			Rubric for Authentic Performance Task 2 (Embed Document)
<ul> <li>Teach how to write a business letter. (RI.6.1) (W.1.a.b) (W.6.4) (W.6.6) (L.6.1.a)         <ul> <li>Refer to business letter resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students use graphic organizer from performance task 1 to construct a business letter to the "Nobel Innovation Award" committee.</li> <li>This will be an argumentative letter on why their civilization is innovative.</li> </ul> <li>Since this is an imaginary committee, this is the business address students can use for their letter:         <ul> <li>Nobel Innovation Award</li> <li>1234 Achievement Road</li> <li>New York, NY 11111</li> <li>Refer to Print Resources</li> </ul> </li>		Argumentative Rubric		
		Response to Instruction	n and Intervention	
Instructional Strate (Minimum of 3)	_	Differentiated Strategies for Intervention (Minimum of 6)	Differentiation Strategies for Enrichment (Minimum of 3)	Interdisciplinary Connections
<ul> <li>Direct Instruction/Fo         <ul> <li>a Business Letter: Us</li> <li>Up To Writing or Nanomaterials to teach the a business letter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Application: Provide business letter and has students identify the puthe business letter.</li> </ul>	se Step cy Fetzer format of a sample ave parts of	<ul> <li>Small group: Review the parts of a business letter</li> <li>Individual: Assist students with outlining the information for their business letter</li> <li>Small group/ individual: With students, proof read and correct business letters.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Write your letter from a different perspective other than yourself supporting the argument for your civilization.</li> <li>GATE students could also extend their letter by incorporating a counter argument component into their body.</li> <li>GATE students could write a</li> </ul>	
Small Group: In a sm or with a partner, students.	-		response as a "Nobel Innovative Award" committee member and	

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write a business letter	provide feedback.	
requesting information on a		
specific product.		
Teacher Resources and Materials	Student Resources	and Materials
(e.g., Textbook References, Multi-Media Sources, Additional Print	Student Resources	and Materials
Sources and Artifacts)		
Textbook References:		
Other Books:		
Audio/Visual Resources:		
How to Write a Business Letter Prezi – This Prezi goes over how a		
business letter should be formatted on Word with appropriate spacing		
and information to include.		
Business Letter Prezi – This prezi goes over the elements in a business		
letter.		
Business Letter Format – This is a very in depth prezi about each		
element of a business letter.		
Argumentative Letter Instructions Website •		
Additional Print Sources:		
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Argumentative Organizer 1 • Argumentative Organizer 2 • Argumentative		
Chart • Argument Letter Checklist • Business Letter Writing		
Other Resources:		

Title of Authentic	Presentation to Amaze	Length:		
Performance Task 3		7 days, 90 minι	ıtes per day	
Standards Addressed in Authentic Performance Task 3	Priority Standards for Task 3:  SL.6.1.: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.  SL.6.1.b.: Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.  SL.6.1.d.: Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.			
	Supporting Standards for Task 3:  SL.6.3.: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.			
Detailed Description of Authentic Performance Task 3	Performance Task:  Students create a storyboard to plan and organize the information to be presented in a documentary highlighting their civilizations' advancements.	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	Webb's DOK	
	Suggested Teaching and Learning Sequence:	Level 6 - Create	Level 4 – Extended	
	<ul> <li>Teach students how to make a storyboard</li> <li>Refer to storyboard resources</li> <li>Refer to storyboard resources</li> <li>Rubric for Authentic Performance Task 3 (Embed Document)</li> </ul>			

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Instructional Strategies (Minimum of 3)	Differentiated Strategies for Intervention (Minimum of 6)	Differentiation Strategies for Enrichment (Minimum of 3)	Interdisciplinary Connections
<ul> <li>Writing: Use Nancy Fetzer or Step Up To Writing to review writing a description.</li> <li>Evaluation: Students can read their description to the small group and have the other students identify what is being described, ultimately evaluating the effectiveness of the descriptive paragraph.</li> <li>Direct Instruction: Create a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flexible Grouping: pair student with another student, in the same civilization group, to work on the storyboard.</li> <li>Small group: Review the "Peer Evaluation Form" and have students practice presenting their storyboards.</li> </ul>	Students will look focus on: impact,  changes over time,  origins,  translations	

storyboard, modeling the	
process for the students.	
Teacher Resources and Materials	Student Resources and Materials
(e.g., Textbook References, Multi-Media Sources, Additional Print	Student Resources and Materials
Sources and Artifacts)	
Textbook References:	
Other Books:	
Audio/Visual Resources:	
Audio/Visual Resources.	
Website on Creating a Storyboard • How to Create Storyboard Website	
Additional Print Sources:	
Additional Fine Courses.	
Storyboard Image • Storyboard Template • Peer Evaluation Form	
Other Resources:	
Website for Free Applications to Download to Make Videos – This	
website has five free applications that students can download on their	
phones to create a video for their documentary. Applications can be used	
on Mac or Android products	

Title of Authentic	Worthy Documentaries	Length:
Performance Task 4		10 days, 90 minutes per day

Standards Addressed in Authentic Performance Task 4	Priority Standards for Task 4:  SL.6.1.: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.  SL.6.1.b.: Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.  SL.6.1.d.: Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.				
	Supporting	g Standards for Task 4:			
		nonstrate command of the conventions  1.a.: Ensure that pronouns are in the p			r speaking.
Detailed Description	convince th	e with your group to create and film a two the audience, the "Noble Innovation Awa was the most innovative and deserves i	rd" committee, that your ancient	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	Webb's DOK
of Authentic Performance Task 4		d Teaching and Learning Sequence:		Level 6 - Create	Level 4 – Extended Thinking
		the "Introducing Documentaries Lesso our students in resources.	Rubric for Authentic Performance Task 4		
		<ul> <li>Refer to "Documentary Vocabulary use along with lesson</li> </ul>	(Embed I	Document)	
	<ul> <li>While watching a documentary from Safari Montage, have students use the Documentary Viewing Form to look for the elements in the documentary. (found in resources)</li> </ul> \[     \text{Documentary Documentary Including Role}     \]				
	Teach Creating a Documentation (PDF in resources)  Organization  Organization				<u>ization</u>
	Websites are given for extensive explanations and extended activities.				
		Response to Instructio			
Instructional Stra (Minimum of		Differentiated Strategies for Intervention (Minimum of 6)	Differentiation Strategies for Enrichment (Minimum of 3)		ciplinary ections

•	Multiple Intelligences:		
	visual/spatial,		
	bodily/kinesthetic,		
	interpersonal, and/or		
	intrapersonal.		

- Direct Instruction: a structured lesson teaching the parts of a documentary.
- Peer Editing: Working collaborative within small groups, students will edit each other's work on their documentary.
- Cooperative learning:
   Students will need to work together in small groups to create, design, and produce quality documentaries.

- **Small Group**: Review the features of a documentary.
- group to view the documentary and complete the viewing form. Discuss the features the students noticed in the documentary.

GATE students have the opportunity to create a movie trailer in addition to their documentary. Their documentary will include at least four Depth and Complexity prompts. Students can use Gizmos and incorporate it into their documentary.

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Teacher Resources and Materials (e.g., Textbook References, Multi-Media Sources, Additional Print Sources and Artifacts)	Student Resources and Materials
Textbook References:	
Other Books:	
Audio/Visual Resources:	
How to Make a Documentary Prezi – This Prezi reviews the different elements in a documentary. Preview before showing.	
Safari Montage videos:	

Search: Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient	
Egypt, Ancient Rome, and Ancient India	
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Additional Print Sources:	
Introducing Documentaries Lesson – This lesson plan introduces	
documentaries to students.	
Documentary Vocabulary Handout • Documentary Viewing Guide	
Other Resources:	
Introducing Documentaries – This website has information to introduce	
the purpose of a documentary.	
Making a Documentary Resource – This is a WikiHow website that has	
information on how to create a documentary and the elements needed.	
Documentary Website – This website has information on the steps to	
create a documentary	
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# **CULMINATING LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

Description of Culminating Learning Experience (situation, challenge, role, audience, product or performance)						
Students attend a "documentary premiere" and watch the documentaries from all sixth graders.						
Rubric for Culminating Learning	Documentary Rubric	Length	1 days, 90 minutes per day			
Experience (Embed Document)	Documentary Rubric 2					

Suggestions for Improvement	onal Unit (Feedback to Curriculum Team) Student Response	