African Mud Cloth

Use the given link to complete this study guide and studio assignment

http://www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices/mudcloth/index_flash.html

Making your virtual mudcloth

1. What is the African name for this "mudcloth" ?   Bogolanfini

2. What plant does the fiber come from?   cotton

3. Why is it made of narrow strips sewn together?   Because they are made and sold locally

4. What causes the fabric to turn yellow in the first step?   Water infused with cengura

5. What is a motif? Design How does the artist decide on the patterns to use on the cloth.   By their different meanings.

6. IN designing your mud cloth you will select patterns.

    List 3 of the patterns you used and what they represent.
Pattern name   meaning of pattern

Wara kalan Wolo	A panther's skin
Seben Koloni	The small old amulet
Ce Farin Jala	A brave man's belt

7. When the mud is applied to the surface the design appears. What causes the pattern to appear when the mud is painted on? Rinsing it after the first coat has dried.
8. Bogolanfini   design is know for it's contrast of dark and white. What two steps make the contrast stand out? The bleaching and soaking.

9. Follow the steps to create your own virtual bogolanfini cloth. Take a screen shot of the completed work and show it here.   This is an example of one completed piece. Delete this one and do one of your own.

10. Nakunte Diarra is an artist that works with Mud cloth in a traditional form. Considering how she learned her art , what is she doing to insure that the tradition continues as an important part of the culture.
She teaches others this tradition.

11. Chris Seydou is known for using traditional mud cloth designs in fashion, What are two of the reasons he gave for using traditional African fabrics in his designs.
He created these designs that are radically different from the traditional flowing robes. He wanted it to be tied to his heritage.

12. Search on the internet and find two photos of fashions done in mud cloth: one traditional African dress and one of contemporary high fashion.
Show photos of them. HERE

Traditional: Contemporary: