

6th Grade Social Studies

Blizzard Bag Day 2 Directions

Learning Target: An early civilization (Mesopotamia) with unique governments, economic systems, social structures, religions, technologies, and agriculture practices and products flourished as a result of favorable geographic characteristics. The cultural practices and products of these early civilizations can be used to help understand the Eastern hemisphere today.

Please read over “Advances in Technology of Mesopotamia Project.” Then, choose an advance that we discussed in class (examples: calendar, cuneiform writing, wheel, and irrigation systems, etc.). On the sheet provided, complete all components for the advertisement that are marked with squares. You must have: name of invention, sentence about what it is, sentence about how it benefited the people of Mesopotamia, colored picture, and a creative slogan or motto. A rubric has been included.

If you are unable to print these pages, you may also ask your teacher for a paper copy of this assignment. Make sure to turn this assignment in by the due date that is announced.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Advances in Technology of Mesopotamia Project

Have you heard? Mesopotamia had amazing advances in technology!

Although the people of Mesopotamia existed over 5,000 years ago, they discovered some incredible inventions that greatly affect our lives today. For this project, you will have the opportunity to pretend you are living in Mesopotamia. **You will be designing a thoughtful and creative advertisement, in which will explain one of the advances in technology that Mesopotamians discovered.** You may choose from any of the advances that we discussed in class.

Once you have chosen the invention that you would like to focus on, you must think about how you will persuade other people to be interested in it. One way to do that is to create a slogan, or motto, so that people will remember your product.

Your advertisement should have the following components:

- ☐ Clearly list the advance you are focusing on at the top of your advertisement
- ☐ Explain what the advance is in full sentences with information taken from a text
- ☐ Explain in full sentences how it will be beneficial to the people of Mesopotamia,
- ☐ Use color
- ☐ Draw or find a picture on the Internet of the invention
- ☐ Develop a creative slogan to catch the reader's attention and make your advertisement memorable

You may use the information that was provided to you from our group work, the textbooks, or the Internet for additional research on your advance and its impact on society. You must use a text for all information, whether it

is the articles from class, the textbooks, or another resource. Please write the title of the source on the back of your advertisement.

Total Possible Points: 20 points

Rubric for Advertisement Project

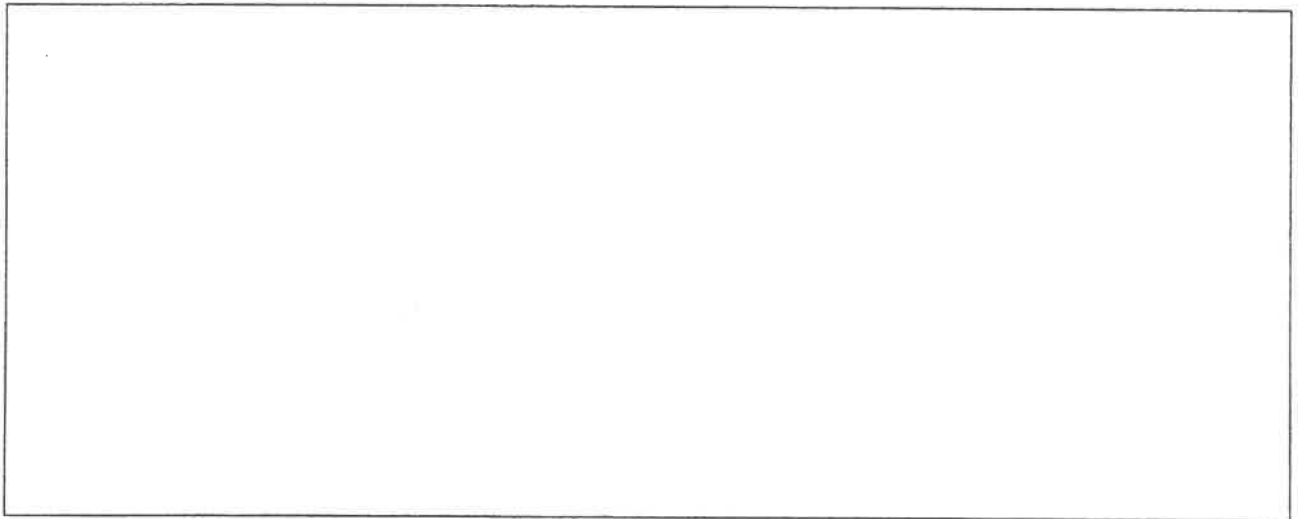
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Name of advance and slogan	You clearly write the advance you are focusing on at the top of your advertisement with an original slogan that catches the reader's attention	The advance you are focusing on is clearly within your advertisement, but not clearly written at the top of the page. Your slogan attempts creativity.	The advance you are focusing on is not clearly stated within your writing, and also not clearly at the top and your slogan is unclear or not related to the invention	The advance you are focusing on is not stated and you do not have a slogan
Evidence from a text	You clearly use evidence from an article, textbook or other source and write the title of the source(s) on the back of your advertisement	You use some evidence from an article, textbook or other source, but the source(s) are not written on the back of your advertisement	It is not clear that you use evidence from the text and the source(s) are not written on the back	You do not use any textual evidence
Explanation of the importance of your advance	You clearly explain why the advance was beneficial to society in full and complete sentences	You explain why the advance was important to society, but do not do so in full and complete sentences	You begin to explain why the advance was important, but do not fully do so.	You do not explain why the advance was important to society
Photograph	Your advertisement has one picture that clearly shows the invention	Your advertisement has one picture, but does not fully represent the invention	Your advertisement has an unclear picture that does not	Your advertisement lacks a picture
Color and neatness	Your advertisement is colorful and neat	Your advertisement is colorful, but lacks neatness	Your advertisement uses some color, but lacks neatness	Your advertisement lacks both color and neatness
Total Possible Points:	20			

Name of invention:

Textual evidence (use textbook) to explain what the advance is (1 sentence).

Textual evidence (use textbook) to explain how it will be beneficial to the people of Mesopotamia (1 sentence).

Colored picture (from internet or drawn of your invention, place in box).



Creative slogan or motto:
