



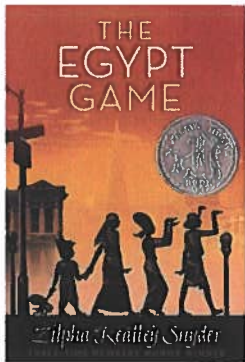
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Dear 6th Grade Student,

Over the summer you will have two requirements to complete for your 6th grade World History class.

Part 1 - READING

- Read *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatly Snyder, a Newbury Award recipient.
 - One theme of World History is culture and social behavior of a civilization. While reading the book, pay attention to the ancient Egyptian cultural details included in the Egypt game the kids play.
 - You can find this book through multiple online sources such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble.
 - There will be classwork assignments to complete upon returning to school.
 - Bring your book to the first class.



The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard behind the A-Z Antiques and Curio Shop, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Before long there are six Egyptians instead of two. After school and on weekends they all meet to wear costumes, hold ceremonies, and work on their secret code.

Everyone thinks it's just a game, until strange things begin happening to the players. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?
~ Goodreads

Part 2 - PROJECT

- Complete the "My Town" – Five Themes of Geography project
- Select one presentation method: 1) 18 x 24 poster OR 2) use Google Slides
- Bring your presentation to class on the first day of school
- Attached are the project guidelines

Please contact me at ssprague@cardenarborview.org with any questions or concerns. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shelley Sprague

6th Grade Ancient World History

My Town - Five Themes of Geography

DUE DATE: 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL 2021

Using the **FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRPAHY**, complete a study of your hometown.

Useful Definitions:

1. Town – the place where your house is located
2. Geography – the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and the human activity as it affects and is affected by these, including the distribution of populations and resources, land use, and industries.

Directions:

1. **RESEARCH** the specific details of your area. Use the attached questions to guide your research.
2. **CHOOSE** how you want to present your information:
 - Poster OR
 - Google Slides
3. **DESIGN** a professional presentation.
 - Use the 5 **HEADINGS** provided on the attached sheet to layout your presentation.
 - Include your research information
 - Label pictures and maps to support your ideas
4. **KNOW** your information.
 - Plan to present your information by practicing
 - Do not read information off of the slide

DUE DATE: 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL 2021

Bring the following with you to school on the first day of class:

- Presentation – Poster or a printed copy of your Google Slides
- This document – with your data from your research



Five Themes of Geography *Research Notes*

1. LOCATION

Where is your town located?

Why did your town develop here?

What made people settle here?

Relative Location -

Absolute Location

2. REGION

What is the climate in your town?

How have we DEPENDED on the environment?

ADAPTED to the environment?

MODIFIED the environment?

How is the town organized? Local, state, and county governments?

3. PLACE

What is the natural environment? Forest? Plains? Major bodies of water?

What are the human Characteristics? Population? Cultural aspects?

4. MOVEMENT

How is your town linked to other towns by the flow of people, ideas and goods?

What is manufactured in your town? What is exported? Imported?

Do most people work in your town or do they commute elsewhere?

5. HUMAN/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

How have people DEPENDED on the environment?

How have people ADAPTED to the environment?

How have people MODIFIED the environment?

What local resources do people depend on?

6. PHOTOGRAPHS

Find old and new photographs or maps of your town that show you how the environment has changed over time.

5 Themes of Geography Rubric (TEST)

5 Themes of Geography	Points	Points Earned/comments
<p style="text-align: center;">Location</p> <p>[Where is your town located? Why do you think your town was built here? Why was this location picked? Include the ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE location]</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Region</p> <p>[What is the climate in your town? How is the region of your town organized? Local, state, county govt.]</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Place</p> <p>[What are the PHYSICAL AND HUMAN characteristics of your town? What is the natural environment? Forest? Plains? Major bodies of water? What makes your town different from other towns in your state or providence? What are the cultural features of your town? Who lives there?]</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Movement</p> <p>[How is your town linked to other communities by the flow of people, ideas, goods? What is manufactured in your town? What is exported? Imported? Do most people work in your town or do they commute elsewhere?]</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Human/Environment Interaction</p> <p>[How have people in your town DEPENDED on. ADAPTED to. And modified the environment? What local resources do people depend on? Old photographs or maps of your town may help you see how the environment changed over time.]</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation</p> <p>18 x 24 poster slide show Professional appearance</p>	10	

TOTAL POINTS 60