Ancient Egypt Research Project

Description
During our study of Ancient Egypt, you will research a specific topic, complete a research organizer, and create a PowerPoint presentation. Each research project must have a minimum of 3 sources from which you have found information, with at least one source being from paper. Each student will have a maximum of five minutes to present his or her PowerPoint to the class.

Requirements
You will be graded on your use of class time, your PowerPoint, a peer review, and the oral presentation of your PowerPoint. See the rubric at the end of this document for details.

Each PowerPoint must have a minimum of 7 slides and a maximum of 10 slides. The first slide must be a Title slide with the title of your project, your name, your class period, and the month and year in which you completed the project. At least 3 of the next slides must present key ideas from your research. You must incorporate at least 3 graphics or photographs into the presentation. The last slide must be a bibliography of the sources you used for your presentation. All information must be properly cited using the proper citation method. See the example PowerPoint included here for more information.

Possible Research Topics (If you do not like any of these, see me. We’ll work something out.)

- Gods & Goddesses
- Pyramids
- Animals of the Nile
- The Sphinx
- Rosetta Stone
- Clothing
- Art
- Trade
- Medicine
- Pharaohs
- Mummies
- Valley of the Kings
- Social Classes
- Farming and the Nile
- Food and Drink
- Geography
- Transportation
- Technology
- Hieroglyphics
- Military
- Slavery
- Role of Women
- Dwellings
- Jewelry
- Government and Laws
- Astronomy
- Education

Write your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of research topic in the spaces below. You must select these topic choices no later than ________________________________.

1st Choice _____________________________________________

2nd Choice _____________________________________________

3rd Choice _____________________________________________
What's in this Organizer

Project Cover Page - (the page before this one) A listing of the Description, Requirements, and possible Topics for the Ancient Egypt Research Project

Sample PowerPoint - “Ancient Egyptian Transportation” an example created by Mr. Melia

Bibliography Organizer - How the Bibliography for "Ancient Egyptian Transportation" was created and a Blank Template for you to use to collect the bibliography information you will need for your PowerPoint

Sixth Grade Bibliography Page - A two page reference document that describes how each source should be listed in your PowerPoint bibliography

PowerPoint Notes Pages - Three pages of blank PowerPoint slides with an area for notes. Use these to draft the content for your PowerPoint

Peer Review Evidence Page - You must have your PowerPoint reviewed by at least one other student. In addition, you must review at least one other student's PowerPoint. Use this page to have your reviewer record their impressions of your PowerPoint. Also, use this page to list the name, title, and date of the PowerPoint(s) that you reviewed

Rubric - This describes how your project will be graded

Please Note: Although your Bibliography Organizer and PowerPoint Notes Pages will not be graded, they must be reviewed by me before you may begin computer work on your PowerPoint.
Why do we need to understand transportation in Ancient Egypt?

- Transportation, or movement, is one of the five themes of geography. It answers the question “How do people, goods, and ideas move from place to place?”
- This can help us understand how the Ancient Egyptians were connected with other regions, cultures, and people in their world.
- This can help us understand how we are connected with the Ancient Egyptians in our world.

Five Major Means of Transportation in Ancient Egypt

- Walking
- Animals
- Litters
- Chariots
- Ships

Walking

“Do not walk the road without a stick in your hand” – Ankhsheshonq

- Most Egyptians went about by foot
- They used sandals made of papyrus
- Many travelers used walking-sticks
- The walking-stick served both as a weapon against robbers as much as a walking aid

Animals

- Donkeys were the most commonly used animal to carry loads. They were sometimes used for riding too.
- It is believed there were millions of donkeys in Ancient Egypt
- Mules, horses and oxen also may have been used to pull carts or carry loads
- Camels were probably not used until a much later period in the Egyptian civilization

Litters

- Litters were “chairs” carried by men or animals
- They were made of a light frame of wood, and sometimes had a covering over the top
- Only the upper classes used litters
- Litters were often used for ceremonial purposes
Chariots

- Chariots are light, two-wheeled, horse-drawn vehicles.
- Horses were usually not ridden but were instead harnessed to chariots.
- Chariots were very fast, so Pharaohs liked to use them.
- Chariots were very expensive to keep, so they were only used by the upper classes and the military.

Ships

- Because of the Nile River, ships were a vital means of transportation in Ancient Egypt.
- Cedar wood was imported from Phoenicia to build the ships because it was stronger than the local wood.
- Ships mainly used sails and oars, but sometimes they were pulled upriver by animals.
- Instead of bridges, smaller ships called ferry boats were used to cross the Nile in narrow places from east and west.

Ancient Egypt Transportation Summary

- The majority of people got around just by walking.
- Donkeys were used the most to carry loads.
- Rich people might have themselves carried in a litter, especially for ceremonial reasons.
- Chariots were a fast, but expensive, way to get around, so they were used mainly by the military.
- Egypt’s location along the Nile made all types of ships essential for transportation.

Bibliography


Bibliography Organizer

The Bibliography slide (shown below) of the PowerPoint "Ancient Egyptian Transportation" are listed in the sample organizer below. Use the blank organizer on the next page to collect the information you will need for your Bibliography page.

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Sixth Grade Bibliography

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2. Underline or use italics for titles of books, periodicals and software. Titles of articles are enclosed in quotation marks.
3. Note punctuation and follow exactly.
4. If required information, such as author or place of publication, is not available, just leave it out.
5. Arrange all sources in one list, alphabetically by first word, which will generally be either the author's last name or the first important word of the title.

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Peer Review Evidence

Name of Reviewer: _____________________________ Date of Review: ________________

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▪ Questions I still have about this topic:
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<td>Includes essential knowledge about the topic. Subject knowledge appears to be good.</td>
<td>Includes essential information about the topic but there are 1-2 factual errors.</td>
<td>Content is minimal OR there are several factual errors.</td>
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<td>Content is well organized using headings or bulleted lists to group related material.</td>
<td>Uses headings or bulleted lists to organize, but the overall organization of topics appears flawed.</td>
<td>Content is logically organized for the most part.</td>
<td>There was no clear or logical organizational structure, just lots of facts.</td>
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<td>Source information collected for all facts. All documented in desired format.</td>
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<td>Well-rehearsed with smooth delivery that holds audience attention.</td>
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Please Note: If no work is done in a category, a score of zero may be awarded.