

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies  
Ancient Culture Kit Project

**Culture: The belief and behaviors that are characteristic of a particular group of people.** What makes up a culture is what a person believes about his or her family, school, government, religions, and celebration days (birthdays, weddings, religious holidays, funerals, etc). While the peoples of the world have all these things in common, they each treat them differently.

This year we will be studying the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, Israel, China, Greece and Rome. This project will allow the class to preview all of these cultures and will enable each of you to become an in-house expert in one civilization.

**Steps to create your *Culture Kit*:**

1. Research: Find information from at least three different resources about the culture you have been assigned. Use your class textbook, travel books, *National Geographic*, websites such as [www.anthro.net](http://www.anthro.net) and others, as sources for your information.
2. Gather: As you research, find and create miniatures of 7-10 **ancient** items of your choosing that best represent your culture. Label each of the items with a number that corresponds to your descriptions (see Step 4).
3. Prepare: Cover a shoebox with attractive paper (e.g. construction paper, contact paper, etc.) making sure that the lid can be removed. Place each of the items inside the box. Do not include anything of monetary or sentimental value in your Culture Kit.
4. Write: Using 12-point font and double-spacing, **type** a one-paragraph explanation of each item and its importance to your ancient culture. You must use your own words, proper sentence structure, grammar and spelling.
5. Source/Bibliography: Include a list of the sources you used to find your information. Bibliography must be properly formatted. Staple your bibliography to your description page.

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Outside the box: Modern Culture

6. Modern Symbols: Decorate the outside of the shoebox with 7 interesting facts, written in your own words, about your culture as it exists today.

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illustrations of at LEAST 7 of any of the examples of modern culture below. You may use magazine, travel brochure pictures or your own drawings.

- Map
- Flag
- Religious Symbols
- Type of Housing
- Types of Clothing
- Plants or Crops
- Animals
- Capital City
- Language
- Main Industries
- Type of Transportation
- Main Ancient Attractions
- Geographic Features
- Other Pictures of Interest

7. Label: Put the name of your culture and your name on one end of the shoebox.
8. Present: Prepare to give a short speech (2-3 minutes), in costume, to the class about a few of the items in your kit during the first week of November. You may want to reference note cards or *your own copy* of your Description Page with any additional notes you would like to have.

As we will be celebrating each culture on different days, you are required to dress up for your presentation and may also share food from the culture with your classmates if you choose.

**This project is worth 100 points and is due Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. No late kits will be accepted.**

My Culture is: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE PROCESS!