

Mesopotamia Metropolitan Museum is Empty!

A brand new museum is being built on the site of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon - one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World.



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Your Mission

You and a partner will investigate a contribution to modern society by this ancient civilization and explain why it should be put in this new museum.



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A Message from MMM

We're not filling up this brand new museum with a bunch of junk. If you want to give us something, it better be good. Answer the following questions to make sure you don't waste our time:

1. What is the accomplishment?
2. Why was it important in ancient civilization?
3. What would the world be like without it?

Signed,

The Rude and Fussy Museum Curators



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Let's Get Started!

What's the matter? Are you afraidies?
Don't be scared. Pick one of the
contributions below, and start [taking notes](#).

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Remember What You Are Looking For

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A Sumerian ziggurat

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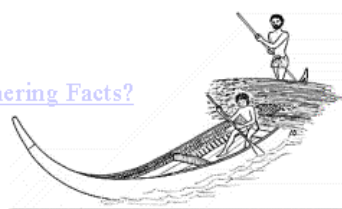


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Your Presentation

Use PowerPoint to present your finding to the curators. The presentation must have a slide for each of the following:

1. Title and presenters' names
2. Description of the accomplishment?
3. Explain why it was useful in ancient civilization
4. What would the world be like without it?
5. Credits for information and graphics



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Note: Graphics make a more interesting presentation.

How will I be scored?

You and your partner will be scored with [a rubric](#) when you give your presentation. Teams will also score themselves.



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The Rubric



	Beginner 1	Novice 2	Intermediate 3	Expert 4	Self Evaluation
Topic	Little essential information	Some essential information	Essential sources cited	Covers topic in detail	
Technical	5 slides with few graphics, animations, transitions	5 slides with less than 3 graphics, animations, transitions	5 slides with at least 3 graphics, animations, transitions	5 slides with 5 or more graphics, animations, transitions	
Mechanics	5 or more errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling	3-4 errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling	1-2 errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling	0 errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling	
Cooperation	Cannot work with others	Works with others with difficulty	Works well with others	Works well with and motivates others	
Oral Presentation	Presents with difficulty	Presents with some difficulty	Presents adequately	Presents with enthusiasm	

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YES!!

18-20 Points

Your proposal has been accepted! The curators liked it so much, they want you to be a rude and stuffy curator too!



15-17 Points

Your proposal has been accepted and they will consider you for a museum curator position when one becomes available. Rude and stuffy curators don't live forever, you know.

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10-14 Points

The curators weren't convinced with your first presentation. They want you to come back again, and this time, be more convincing. And make it snappy. They don't have all day!



6-9 Points

The curators won't return your phone calls. I guess it's back to the drawing board for you.

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Conclusion

They don't call Mesopotamia the cradle of civilization for nothing. Without them, we would probably be a bunch of starving humans scattered around the world without adequate transportation, laws, or any good books to read. If you want to find out more about this civilization of over-achievers, stop by your school or public library.



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1. Photos

- Cuneiform www.mrdowling.com/603-writing.html
- Hammurabi http://tlc.ousd.k12.ca.us/cv/projects/sumeria/project_3.html
- Hanging Gardens <http://webexhibits.org/calendars/calendar-ancient.html>
- River Boat www.mesopotamia.co.uk/trade/explore/exp_set.html
- Tigris River www.christiananswers.net/q-a/q_garden-of-eden-loc.html
- Ziggurat www.mrdowling.com/603-sumerians.html

2. Rubric www.ncsu.edu/midlink/rub_mmproj.htm

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