

Student Handout 7 – Ancient Civilization Story Rubric

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Answers question with specific examples from readings (<i>examples of what life was like</i>). _____ out of 6	Off topic completely and/or no examples.	Answers question somewhat, but not enough examples (1-3).	Answers questions but does not support with enough examples from documents. (3 or 4 examples)	Narrative effectively answers the question “What was life like?” in either Egypt or Sumer with several examples (at least 5).
Appropriate for audience _____ out of 3	Very difficult to understand and thus not appropriate for sixth grade audience.	Some problems with narrative, vocabulary, or structure that might make it hard for 6 th graders to follow.	Narrative is generally appropriate, but could be more clear.	Narrative is appropriate for target audience of 6 th graders. New words are explained in text.
Evidence and citation _____ out of 6	No evidence used and/or direct quotes not cited at all (plagiarized)	Only one source used.	Two sources used.	Clearly cites evidence from at least 3 sources, and identifies sources when using direct quotes.
Organization _____ out of 6	No clear organization	Attempt at organization, but not consistent.	Narrative is organized, but some improvements needed (weak conclusion, for example).	Narrative is clearly organized with an introduction, body, and conclusion. Examples tied to evidence and sources.
Mechanics _____ out of 3	Errors and problems make it hard to understand	Several major problems.	Only a few errors.	Narrative is clearly written with good mechanics.

Categories weighted.... Examples, Evidence, and Organization categories worth twice as much as other rubric categories.

This rubric is a draft.... please adapt and revise to meet the needs of your students!