



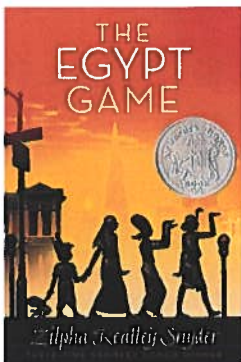
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Dear Future Middle School Student,

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

Part 1 -

- 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 -

- Complete the "My Town" – Five Themes of Geography project
- Select one presentation method: 1) 18 x 24 poster, 2) written essay, OR 3) use an online presentation tool such as Google Slides to present your work
- 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

Using the **FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY**, complete a study of your home town. You can choose to present your information as a poster, written essay or using an online presentation tool such as Google Slides.

Be detailed in your descriptions and try to think like a geographer. Use the knowledge from your personal experiences as well as the research you do on-line.

Please research the specific details of your area, take notes on the research sheets provided and then present your work in your own words. *Include the following information and use the HEADINGS provided. Also be sure to have labeled pictures and maps to support your ideas.*

FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER....

1. Location

- 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

2. Region

- What is the climate in your town?
- How is the region of your town organized? Local, state, county government.

3. Place

- 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 province?
- What are the cultural features of your town? Who lives there?

4. Movement

- How is your town linked to other communities 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 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 has changed over time.

Five Themes of Geography *Research Notes*

1. LOCATION

Why did your town develop here? What made people settle here?

Relative Location

Absolute Location

2. REGION

How have we DEPENDED on the environment?

ADAPTED to the environment?

MODIFIED the environment?

3. PLACE

PHYSICAL characteristics? Forest, mountains, etc.

HUMAN Characteristics? Population? Cultural aspects?



4. MOVEMENT

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

5. HUMAN/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

How have we DEPENDED on the environment?

ADAPTED to the environment?

MODIFIED the environment?

