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Mesopotamian Newspaper of the Gods Project

Imagine that you are a scribe in ancient Mesopotamia who has been put in charge of creating a series of newspaper stories about the activities of the gods. Using your background knowledge of ancient Mesopotamian spiritual beliefs, you will create a newspaper presentation about the activities of the main gods listed below. This presentation should contain all of the following aspects:

- 1.) Create a name for your newspaper, a date for its publication, and a price that is charged to purchase your paper.
- 2.) Create an introductory headline that explains to the reader what your main news story is about, and the name of the reporter (you).
- 3.) Your main news story should contain the following aspects:
 - a.) a creative and entertaining story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.
 - B.) A picture/drawing that corresponds with the story (picture of the god/goddess, map of the god/goddess' city-state, picture of the god/goddess' activity, etc.).
- 4.) Create a minor news story for 5 of the following Mesopotamian gods/goddesses: An, Enki, Ninhursag, Enlil, Ninurta, Nanna, Ishkur, Nergal, Inanna, and Utu.
- 5.) Each story should contain the following aspects:

- a.) A creative headline that identifies what the news story is about, and the name of the reporter (you).
 - B.) a creative and entertaining story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.
 - C.) A picture/drawing that corresponds with the story (picture of the god/goddess, map of the god/goddess' city-state, picture of the god/goddess' activity, etc.).
- 6.) Be sure to read over your presentation and check for grammatical and spelling errors.
- 7.) **Extra Credit Option:** Create a series of classified advertisements for different Mesopotamian products such as chisels, sailboats, sundials, calendars, etc, or help wanted advertisements for different jobs such as scribes, bronze workers, priests, etc.

The Mesopotamian Newspaper of the Gods will be due at the beginning of class on _____, so plan your time accordingly. Your overall grade will be based on how well you complete the above criteria, the use of your class time, and the amount of creativity and effort you put into your overall project (see the attached rubric for the specific point distributions).

Mesopotamian Newspaper of the Gods Project Rubric

- _____/75 Project contains a creative title, a date, and a price.
- _____/25 Project has a creative main headline that explains what the main news story is about.
- _____/100 Main story explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.
- _____/50 Main story contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/75 Minor story #1 contains a story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.

_____/25 Minor story #1 contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/75 Minor story #2 contains a story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.

_____/25 Minor story #2 contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/75 Minor story #3 contains a story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.

_____/25 Minor story #3 contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/75 Minor story #4 contains a story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.

_____/25 Minor story #4 contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/75 Minor story #5 contains a story that explains who the god/goddess is, what the god/goddess is doing, and where the story is taking place.

_____/25 Minor story #5 contains a picture/drawing that corresponds to the overall story.

_____/50 Overall project is free from grammatical and spelling errors.

_____/200 Class time was used effectively to complete both the rough draft and the final project.

_____/1000 Total Points _____% _____ Letter Grade