

Project Summary For: What can we learn about a civilization from the artifacts they left behind?

Grade Level: Elementary School

Project Overview

This project is designed to engage students in historical inquiry by analyzing artifacts from ancient civilizations. Students will work collaboratively to research, analyze, and present findings in a format of their choice. The project aligns with Common Core and NGSS standards and includes rubrics to assess student understanding and performance.

Project Sections

- **General Guidelines:** Provides structured instructions on how students will work in teams to research and analyze artifacts.
- **Brainstorming:** Encourages students to explore questions about artifacts, civilizations, and historical context.
- **Project Planning and Designing:** Guides students in creating a research plan, assigning roles, and gathering resources.
- **Project Execution:** Helps students follow their research plan, conduct discussions, and compile findings.
- **Presentation:** Supports students in selecting and preparing a final presentation format (slide decks, posters, videos, or a mock museum tour).

Why Use This Project?

This project promotes critical thinking, collaboration, and historical inquiry by immersing students in the role of historians. It fosters research, analysis, and presentation skills while making history engaging and interactive. The structured rubrics ensure meaningful assessment, and the variety of presentation options allow for differentiated learning. Teachers can use this project to create an immersive learning experience that connects students with the past in a hands-on, meaningful way.