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Eastern Hemisphere Museum Project Africa, Team 6B

During the next month, all 6th graders at Eckstein will be converting their social studies and language arts classes into museums. Each team will focus on a different region of the Eastern Hemisphere, including Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China. Our team will focus on the rich cultural history of Africa. Each student will create a reproduction of an African artifact and write a caption explaining the historical and geographic context of the object. Their work will be on display during the **Eastern Hemisphere Museum Night on March 11, 2010 at 6pm.**

In class, we will support students with the research process, planning out their project, designing a draft of the artifact, and writing rough and final drafts of the written caption. At home, students will need to create the actual 2D or 3D art project. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help students find materials and ideas for the project, but **students should construct the artifact replica on their own.**

The first step is for students to select a topic to research. Students have been assigned a region and they must narrow the topic down to a specific kingdom or tribe to research, and then identify a specific artifact to recreate. Parents and guardians are asked to review the information their students have gathered on the back of this page and help them make an appropriate artifact choice. If you would like more information about possible topics, more information is posted on the Team 6B Social Studies blog at <http://ecksteineagles.org/6b-ss/>.

After you have discussed the information and have chosen an artifact to create, have your student write down their two choices and sign below. In order to create an authentic museum experience, we are looking for a variety of artifacts, so the teachers will need to approve the topic choice and students are not guaranteed their first choice. Students must return this form to Mr. Miller and Ms. Falls by **Friday, February 5th, 2010.**

Artifact Choices

1. _____

2. _____



(Parent Signature)

Return this sheet with a parent/guardian signature by Friday, February 5, 2010

Important Dates

Written Caption is due March 5, 2010

Artifact is due March 10, 2010

Eastern Hemisphere Museum Night is March 11th, 2010 at 6pm

Check the student planner each week for due dates for the research notes and rough drafts.

Finding a Topic

Important Vocabulary – write notes about each of the following terms

Bantu migration -

clan -

initiation rites -

lineage -

Sub-Saharan -

Swahili -

dhow -

My assigned region of Africa is _____.

1) List several modern day countries in this region:

2) Describe the important geographic features and the climate of this region:

List and describe three artifacts related to your region of Africa:

1)

2)

3)