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Social Hierarchy in Ancient Egypt: Journal Entry Assignment

Focus Questions: What critical role did each social class play in ancient Egyptian society?

In ancient Egypt, society was organized into very distinct social classes. Members of these classes included pharaohs, queens, and the noble court (royalty); priests, soldiers, scribes, merchants, artisans, farmers (free people); and slaves. Though some classes faced greater hardships than others, each class played a crucial role in preserving the political, economic, and social fabric of society.

Your Task

Overview: You will choose a member of Egyptian society to research and taking on the point of your chosen role you will write a 200 word, first-person journal entry recounting a typical day in ancient Egypt through the eyes of your chosen person. **Your journal should focus on describing why your chosen figure was important to Egyptian society.** To prepare for the activity, you will research what your life may have been like as well as the role your chosen person played in society.

Research: Use the internet sources and other information provided to research the **occupations, living conditions, rights, and responsibilities** of the social class that you have chosen. **The information you record should help explain why your chosen figure was important to Egyptian society.** You may wish to write down sensory details and other descriptive information that will enhance the account of your experience. Your journal entry must include a **minimum of eight facts** from your reading and research.

Organize: Use the provide note sheet to take notes on your topic as you research. You must have information for each category. Think back to the note taking mini lesson to make sure you are getting down the important information.

Apply: Use the research you gathered to complete your journal entry. When you have finished, your work it should be proof-read by you and then by a peer (peer must complete the peer editing checklist). **You will be reading your journal entry in front of a group of your classmates, so please practice reading it aloud before you present.**

Check: Please use the following questions to assess your performance:

- Did your journal entry focus on an individual member of a social class in ancient Egypt?
- Did you include a minimum of eight accurate facts in your writing?
- Is your writing organized and engaging?
- Has your work been proof read? This should be done by you and then by a peer.

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- Does your journal follow the correct format (correct number of words, 12pt font, 1.5 line spacing, easy to read)?
- Was effort put into your presentation? Did you practice reading your entry before reading it to the class?

Before handing in your assignment, please self-assess your work by using the checklist above.

Each topic may only be done by four students, please check in with me before you start your assignment. The roles you may choose from are:

- Pharaoh
- Priest
- Soldier
- Scribe
- Merchant
- Artisan
- Farmer
- Slave

