

Pre-History Unit

A look at what 5 major world views have to say about this:

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This is a research project for middle school kids. I'm expecting you to do research on the internet and at the library to find the answers to these questions. As you look for the answers evaluate if the source is reliable or biased.

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Creative Writing and Research Assignment: Many cultures throughout the world have a flood narrative. Read five flood narratives and choose one to create a picture book about. For each of the flood narratives you read write a few pertinent details before you write your picture book.

Grading Criteria:

Planning Stage, 5 points for each culture with notes, 25 points total possible	
Rough Draft, 25 points must show evidence of revising your story	
Final draft, graded based on story (20 points), descriptive language used (10 points), colorful and detailed pictures (10 points), cover and author bio (10 points), 50 points total	

Culture 1:

Culture 2:

Culture 3:

Culture 4:

Culture 5:

Daily writing prompts: As you complete this unit, pick one of the writing prompt bingos to complete.

You will be judged on how well you answer each writing prompt.

YOU ARE AN ANGEL WATCHING GOD CREATE THE WORLD. HOW DO YOU FEEL?	You are the first sheep to have their wool cut off by a human. Describe what it felt like to the other sheep.	WRITE ABOUT HOW YOU TAMED THE FIRST DOG.	YOU ARE THE FIRST TAME DOG AND YOU ARE TRYING TO CONVINCE THE OTHER DOGS WHY IT IS A GOOD THING.
How did you learn to start a fire?	Your archeology dig has discovered something new about the early world, what is it?	YOUR NEIGHBOR HAS STARTED BUILDING A BOAT. TALK WITH HIM ABOUT WHY.	You are the human who decided to first milk a cow. Tell how you convinced someone else to drink the milk.
YOU ARE THE FIRST HUMAN TO COOK MEAT. EXPLAIN TO THE OTHER HUMANS WHY THIS IS BETTER THAN RAW MEAT.	You are an angel watching man choose to eat the fruit. What do you think?	You are an archeologist who has discovered new cave paintings. What do they depict?	You have been asked to name all of the animals. Write about an animal you named, and describe it.
WRITE A JOURNAL ENTRY AS A WORKER ON AN ARCHEOLOGY DIG IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?	Describe the first time man rode a horse.	You are the first horse to be ridden by a human. Tell the other horses what it felt like.	WRITE A DIARY ENTRY AS THE FIRST FARMER.

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