

## PROJECT FOR STAGE 17

This project must be turned in **before** the Stage 17 Test. No project will be accepted after the test has been given. It can be turned in any time before the test.

### Ancient Alexandrian Newspaper

Using the provided topics, create a mock newspaper as if you were living during the time our story is taking place in ancient Alexandria. You **must use Topic #1** and then choose **at least 2 other topics** from the provided list to compose your newspaper. Your newspaper must also include **at least one picture** and should be no smaller than a regular 8 ½ X 11 sheet of copy paper. All text appearing inside your paper must also be **typed** – handwritten newspapers are unacceptable. Your newspaper will be graded using the included rubric.

Nota Bene: Students will have to use the Internet and other reference sources to find information regarding the stories featured inside their newspapers. You must cite your sources at the end of each feature to avoid plagiarism. Use the following abbreviated MLA Style example as your guide for citing your sources:

*for web site – (www.type\_the\_full\_URL\_here.org)  
for book source – (Title of book Pg. #s)*

Students may also want to consider looking at other real newspapers for questions regarding setup and design.

#### 1. Headlines and Leading Article

Topic: (e.g. the discovery of an automatic door opener on temple doors – DO NOT USE THIS EXAMPLE)  
Task: Write a headline that should stimulate sales and reveal a "scandal."

#### 2. Science

Topic: Scientific work at the museum of Alexandria  
Task: Write an article about the new scientific discoveries appearing during this time period and about the new science exhibits coming to the museum.  
Kind of Writing: Report

#### 3. Technology; Engineering

Topic: Technical achievements of Hellenism (ancient Greece)  
Task 1: Write a sensational report about the giant ship of Hieron and think about its meaning and impact on foreign policy.

**OR**

Task 2: Write a sensational report about the first steam engine and an advertisement for the screw of Archimedes. Think about the practical uses of these technical achievements.  
Kind of Writing: Report, advertisement

#### 4. Lighthouse

Topic: Practical uses of the lighthouse  
Task: Interview an ancient lighthouse keeper (like someone who may have worked at the Pharos) about their job skills and daily activities.  
Kind of Writing: Interview

#### 5. Economics

Topic: The economical importance of Alexandria  
Task: Write an expose (report) about the economic goals of Alexandria at the time of our story and if they have changed or been achieved since the time of its founding.  
Kind of Writing: Report

#### 6. Philosophy

Topic: Stoicism – type of philosophy  
Task: Write an editorial or letter to the editor stating your stoic ideals and whether or not others approve of your beliefs in Alexandria.  
Kind of Writing: Letter

#### 7. Art and Culture

Topic: Cultural life of Alexandria  
Task: Create a political cartoon using elements of both Old-Egyptian and Ptolemaic art. Be sure your cartoon's subject matter is relevant to life in ancient Alexandria.  
Kind of Writing: Cartoon

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<b>creativity &amp; design</b>	very few creative elements used	some creative elements used	creative, well-written, well-designed	very creative, well-written, well-designed and exciting
<b>neatness</b>	all information is presented	stray marks visible	organized & well presented	no marks visible, very neat
<b>accuracy of historical information</b>	little accuracy	some accuracy	mostly accurate	accurate uses
<b>following directions</b>	little directions followed	some directions followed	most directions followed	all directions followed
<b>overall impression</b>	all information is presented	nice presentation	clear presentation	very nice and eye catching