

SUMMARY

This Critical thinking task is designed to be used in the Grade 5 classroom in the subject area of Social Studies. This task addresses the "Ancient Civilizations" strand in the Ontario Curriculum. After establishing criteria to determine quality of life for an "average family", students will gather background information about life in the Ancient Civilization (e.g.; Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient China) and make a judgement on which family would have had a better quality of life. The teacher will determine the profile of an "average family" with or with out the class input. Students will be given various resources to gather background information. The students will write a written report that will present their findings.