



THE FLIPSIDE



ASSIGNMENT: Write a thank you letter to Mr. Meyer Steinberg for his presentation about the Temple of Dendur. Dear Mr. Steinberg.....

I was really glad to hear that you were coming to talk about ancient civilizations (the Temple of Dendur). I know that you had to squeeze time into your schedule to visit, and I really appreciate it. You also had to prepare a presentation, and it was really good.

The presentation was quite interesting. I learned how “frozen moments” are made, with a special injection. I also learned the history of the Temple of Dendur, such as that it was by the Nile river and how it was reconstructed.

I am glad that a person who specializes in such a prominent field was able to come to my school and speak to our 5th grade class. Thank you so much for coming. I got to touch a piece of the Temple of Dendur, which ancient Egyptians touched so long ago. I touched a piece of history, all thanks to you.

RUDY MALCOM
Fifth Grade

Thank you so much for coming to our school to talk to us. I think it was so amazing that they took apart the temple and shipped it off! I also convinced my parents to take me to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the City, and it was unbelievable! Thank you again for speaking to us about the Temple of Dendur and the reinforcements. Everybody had an unforgettable time.

ZACK ABRAMS
Fifth Grade

Thank you for coming to our school and giving the fifth grade a special presentation about the Temple of Dendur. You provided us with so much information that we would otherwise never have known. You must have been very proud when the Metropolitan Museum of Art entrusted you with the job of recreating the Temple.

Your presentation really made me interested in your field of science. Touching an actual sandstone brick from a 2,000 year old Egyptian temple has inspired me to study more about ancient civilizations. I was amazed at the bagel and English muffin experiment that you shared with us; they were so cool! I have been to the Temple and can say first hand that you did a very good job strengthening it. We are so indebted to you for all of the work that you did to make viewing the temple possible for all of us.

EDWARD RYAN
Fifth Grade

Thank you for coming to our school on Thursday. I loved your story about how you moved the Temple of Dendur.

I think it was awesome holding something that ancient Egyptians touched about 2,025 years ago. I thought the Temple of Dendur was really, really cool. I want very badly to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see it.

I also think the bagel was awesome. It was so hard, and you could still see the butter on it. The English muffin was also amazing. It still smelled like syrup. And neither one was rotten!

ALEX KAISH
Fifth Grade

Thank you for coming to L.I.S.G. and teaching us about the Temple of Dendur. That was a very interesting presentation. It was very fascinating how you transported the cut up pieces of the Temple of Dendur to the United States.

My favorite parts of the presentation were how you put plastic into the bagel and the English muffin and how you brought the temple to the Museum of Art.

It is a shame that people cannot go into the temple because the metal rods that reinforced the temple are not stable. Thank you, Mr. Steinberg.

JARED SAGET
Fifth Grade

I want to thank you for coming to our school and teaching us about the Temple of Dendur. It was very courteous of you to do that.

I found what you taught us very interesting. I loved how you talked to us about how you saved the temple from crumbling to bits. I also liked looking at and touching the bagel. It is amazing what can be done with those things. Although the bagel was very interesting, my favorite part was holding a piece of the Temple of Dendur. It was really cool. I felt like I was truly holding a piece of history. Thank you so much again.

ISABELLA PIZZUTO
Fifth Grade

Thank you for coming to our school for the presentation about the Temple of Dendur. It was very interesting because I got to hold a piece of the temple, and I met someone who worked on the Manhattan Project. I had so much fun and learned a lot!

My favorite part was when I got to hold the stone from the Temple of Dendur. It is a piece of history. Also, if you think about it, the ancient Egyptians touched that stone, and that is truly one of the greatest things ever—to touch a piece of history of a temple built over 2,000 years ago in ancient Egypt.

JOHN PETRUCCI
Fifth Grade

I am thankful for your coming to my school. The presentation was very interesting.

The stone from the Temple of Dendur was great. A 2,000-year old stone in my hands! I was also fascinated by your building technique with the plastic.

Thank you for visiting.

KIRAN O’SULLIVAN-BAKSHI
Fifth Grade