

Communities Grade 3

The following question is based on the accompanying documents (1 - 6). Some of these have been edited for the purpose of this task. This question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. As you analyze the documents, take into account both the source of the document and the author's point of view.

Directions:

- ◆ Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction with a topic sentence that answers the essay question (or thesis statement), a body with several paragraphs explaining and supporting your answer and a conclusion.
- ◆ Analyze the documents
- ◆ Use evidence from documents to support your answer
- ◆ Include specific related outside information.

Historic Background:

Where people live affects how they live. It affects the kind of food they eat, their homes, and their transportation. Children in the rainforest communities grew up differently than children growing up in desert communities.

Task:

For Part A, read **each** document carefully and answer the question or questions after each document. Then read the directions for Part B and write your essay.

For Part B, use your answers from Part A, information from the documents, and your knowledge of social studies to write a well organized essay. In the essay you should:

Describe how the communities of the rainforest and desert the same and different.

Document 1:



A rain forest hunter

Living in a Rain Forest by Allan Fowler

1. Tell how the people of the rain forest get their food.

Document 2:



This desert farmer waters his crops from an irrigation ditch.

Living in a Desert by Allan Fowler

1. Tell how people of the desert get their food

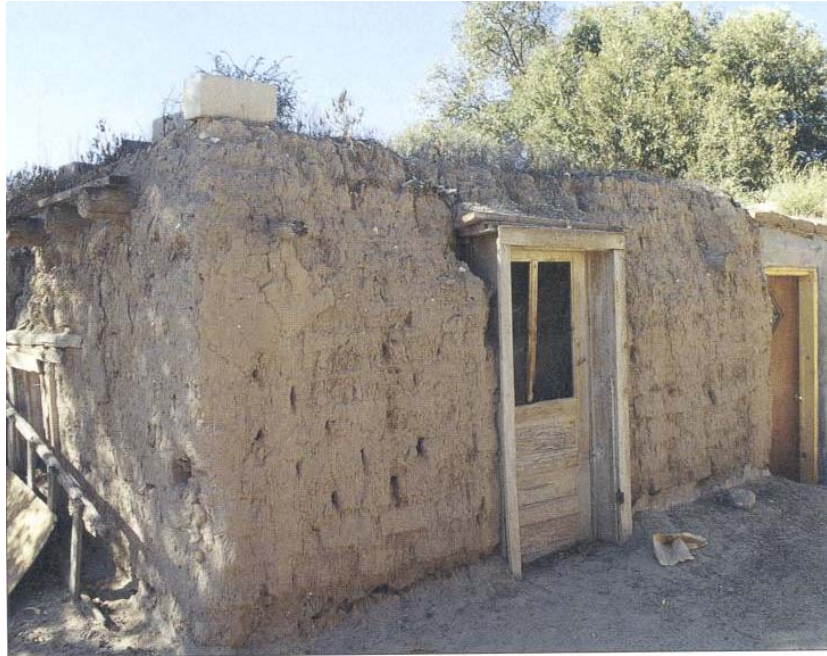
Document 3:



Living in a Rain Forest by Allan Fowler

1. What materials are rainforest houses made of?

Document 4:



An adobe house

Living in a Desert by Allan Fowler

1. What materials are desert houses made of?

Document 5:



Living in a Rain Forest by Allan Fowler

1. How do people travel in the rainforest?

Document 6:



Living in a Desert by Allan Fowler

1. How do people travel in the desert?

Part B:

Directions: Using the documents, the answers to the questions in Part A, and your knowledge of social studies, write a well-organized essay about communities.

In your essay, remember to:

- ◆ Tell how the communities of the desert and rainforest are the same and different.
- ◆ Include an introduction, body and a conclusion
- ◆ Include details, examples, or reasons to develop your ideas
- ◆ Use the information from the documents in your answer.
