SCPS GUIDED LEARNING FOR SOCIAL STUDIES
MODIFIED  GRADE 6   WEEK #7

| ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: | - How has the Coronavirus pandemic created a positive impact on you and your community?
|                      | - What did the engineers and scientists of Ancient China do that had a lasting impact on the entire world? |

| PROCEDURES:          | - **Assignment #1** Read the article about Free Pizza for Seniors.  
|                      | - Then read the journal entry prompt and construct a journal entry that answers the questions in the prompt.  
|                      | - **Assignment #2** Read the text on Ancient Chinese Inventions and Technology.  
|                      | - Complete the crossword puzzle using the information from this text. |

| WORK TO BE RETURNED: | - Primary source/Journal Entry for Week #7  
|                      | - Crossword puzzle on Chinese Inventions and Technology |

| RESOURCES:           | - Free Pizza for Seniors primary source article; Writing prompt for Diary/Journal Entry #7  
|                      | - Ancient Chinese Inventions and Technology text |

| TIME ALLOCATED:      | - 2 (30) minute Assignments |

Assignment #1

**Creating a Primary Source Document**

Remember over the next few weeks, you will be asked to write a diary/journal entry once a week about “Life during the Great Pandemic of 2020.” You will write about what’s going on in the news as it relates to the Coronavirus, how your parent’s/guardian’s lives are impacted, how your life is impacted, and your feelings about what is going on.

For your sixth diary/journal entry, you will begin by reading an article about the Vallorz family from San Jose California and what they are doing during the coronavirus pandemic. After reading the article you will respond to the journal prompt given.

**Support--and Free Pizza!--for Seniors**  
*Article found in People Magazine*

When Diana Vallorz inherited the family pizzeria, she also inherited the family value of helping others, no matter how small it may seem. So when California’s stay at home order went into effect “we thought about all the elderly people living alone with no family nearby,” says Diana, 60. And instead of a small thing, she and husband Al did a medium thing--offering to deliver medium pizzas to anyone over 70 shut in at home.

Since their Facebook offer went viral, Tony & Alba’s Pizza and Pasta has delivered hundreds of pizzas, and donations have allowed them to add a free salad too. “Some people are afraid they won't be getting any more food,” says Diana. “I tell them we will keep doing this until it’s not needed anymore. Diana also added that she has learned, “not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”
PROMPT: In the article, Diana Vallorz used the family pizza business to carry on the family tradition of helping others during the Coronavirus pandemic and learned something about herself along the way. She stated in the article that she learned that, “not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

Explain what Diana Vallorz meant by this quote? What have you learned about yourself and others during this pandemic? Give examples of how this terrible pandemic has actually had some positive effects on people and your community. Give some examples of things you have heard that have been happening in your surrounding areas similar to this story. It should take you at least two paragraphs to fully explain your answer. Be sure to include details that address all the questions in the prompt. Sentence starters have been provided to help with organization.

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### Ancient China: Inventions and Technology

The Ancient Chinese were famous for their inventions and technology. Many of their inventions had lasting impact on the entire world. Other inventions led to great feats of engineering like the Grand Canal and the Great Wall of China.

Here are some of the most notable inventions and discoveries made by the engineers and scientists of Ancient China:

- **Silk** - Silk was a soft and light material much desired by the wealthy throughout the world. It became such a valuable export that the trade route running from Europe to China became known as the Silk Road. The Chinese learned how to make silk from the cocoons of silkworms. They managed to keep the process for making silk a secret for hundreds of years.
- **Paper** - Paper was invented by the Chinese as well as many interesting uses for paper like paper money and playing cards. The first paper was invented in the 2nd century BC and the manufacture later perfected around 105 AD.
- **Printing** - Wood block printing was invented in AD 868 and then moveable type around 200 years later. This was actually hundreds of years before the invention of the printing press by Gutenberg in Europe.
- **The Compass** - The Chinese invented the magnetic compass to help determine the correct direction. They used this in city planning at first, but it became very important to map makers and for the navigation of ships.
- **Gunpowder** - Gunpowder was invented in the 9th century by chemists trying to find the Elixir of Immortality. Not long after, engineers figured out how to use gunpowder for military uses such as bombs, guns, mines, and even rockets. They also invented fireworks and made great beautiful displays of fireworks for celebrations.
- **Boat Rudder** - The rudder was invented as a way to steer large ships. This enabled the Chinese to build huge ships as early as 200 AD, well before they were ever built in Europe.
- **Other** - Other inventions include the umbrella, porcelain, the wheelbarrow, iron casting, hot air balloons, seismographs to measure earthquakes, kites, matches, stirrups for riding horses, and acupuncture.

### Additional Information:

- Gunpowder, paper, printing, and the compass are sometimes called the Four Great Inventions of Ancient China.
- Kites were first used as a way for the army to signal warnings.
- Compasses were often used to make sure that homes were built facing the correct direction so they would be in harmony with nature.
- The Grand Canal in China is the longest manmade canal or river in the world.
- They invented the abacus in the 2nd century BC. This was a calculator that used sliding beads to help compute math problems quickly.
- Paper money was first developed and used in China during the Tang dynasty (7th century).

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**Crossword Puzzle Directions:** On the next page you will find a crossword puzzle and clues. Read each clue and use the reading above to help you determine the answer. Be sure to fill in each answer going up and down or across using the number in the puzzle that corresponds to the number on the clue.

**HINT:** If a letter overlaps in two words and is different than what you think the answer should be, make sure to go back and check the clues AND your spelling. You may have the answer incorrect or you may just have misspelled the word. Each box should contain only ONE letter. Some answers are there to get you started.
Chinese Inventions and Technology

Across
1. This was a calculator that used sliding beads to help compute math problems quickly.
3. These four inventions were considered the greatest; gunpowder, paper, printing, and?
7. What important invention did the Ancient Chinese invent before Johannes Gutenberg did in Europe?
9. What did ancient Chinese chemists discover when trying to find the Elixir of Immortality?

Down
2. What was the main use of the compass when it was first invented?
4. What important ingredient was used by the Ancient Chinese to make silk?
5. How were kites first used by the Ancient Chinese?
6. This is the longest manmade canal or river in the world.
8. What invention did the Chinese keep secret from the rest of the world for hundreds of years?

Answers: #4 Down - Boat rudder, #8 Down - Silk making, #7 Across Printing Press