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Use this worksheet to help you plan and write a report by Pytheas of Massalia who has arrived in Britain around 320 BCE.

What should the report look like?

Title

Introduction: who, what, where, when

Argument 1

Argument 2

Argument 3

Conclusion

You can use this page to draft your ideas.

Use this page to help you plan the content of your report and which aspects of the source materials you will use. The righthand column contains suggestions.

Title

Note: The first and last words in a title have capital letters. Important words in the title have capital letters. Short words like **and** or **the** do not have capital letters. Titles are underlined.

Introduction

Content

Explain that this report is about the Iron Age in Britain.

Who or what are you writing about?
Where are you and when?

Sub-heading Focus 1

Content

Give your first observation.
Include detail from the source materials.

What kind of dwellings do you find?
Compare them to the dwellings you are familiar with.
Extra:

- Describe Stonehenge.
- What evidence can you find of religious temples?
- What evidence can you find of theatres?

Sub-heading Focus 2

Content

Give your second observation.
Include detail from the source materials.

What is the pottery like?
Compare it to the pottery you are used to: include observations about the way it is made.
Extra:

- Describe the images used on Greek pottery.

Sub-heading Focus 3

Content

Give your third observation.
Include detail from the source materials.

What sporting facilities can you find?
Contrast the lack of facilities with what you are used to.
Extra:

- Describe the Olympics and Olympia.

Conclusion

Sum up your observations about Iron Age Britain.
How developed are they as a civilisation/culture?

Include personal comments.
What is your opinion of the way Iron Age people in Britain live?
What is your opinion of the technology?
What is your opinion of Iron Age Britons' attitude to sport?

Things to remember...

- Use the 3rd person '*he, she, it, they*' throughout your report and write in the present tense.
*The dwellings **are** made from...*
- Only include your opinion in your concluding paragraph. This is where you will comment on what you have observed.
I am surprised to find that whole families live in one-roomed dwellings. This means there is no...
- Use more formal vocabulary – do not use contractions (write **did not** instead of **didn't**)
- Use a variety of sentence types and SPaG check your first draft.

Extra Activity

1. Read the following information from TLP008PPT1 Slide 21:
Pytheas of Massalia (now Marseilles), a Greek merchant and explorer, circumnavigated the British Isles between about 330 and 320 BCE and produced the first written record of the islands.
Pytheas' original text no longer exists, but he is quoted by other writers. In 30 BCE Diodorus quoted what Pytheas said about Britain.

Britain is cold and subject to frosts... The numerous population of natives live in thatched cottages, store their grain in subterranean caches and bake bread from it. They are "of simple manners" and are content with plain fare. They are ruled by many kings and princes who live in peace with each other. Their troops fight from chariots, as did the Greeks in the Trojan War.

2. Can you identify where Pytheas includes his opinion rather than just making observations? Clue: look at the punctuation.
3. Can you identify a contradiction in this paragraph? Can you explain why it might not be a contradiction if more detail had been included? Clue: Think about the number of Iron Age arrow heads that have been found by archaeologists.
4. This report is very brief. What do you think should have been included?