Constructing a Performance Task Scenario

***Goal:***

* Your task is **to use the information discovered in your** [**WEBQUEST**](http://dalysoilwebquest.edublogs.org/) **to develop an approach you think the USA should take in the Middle East.**
* The goal is to **get the Trump administration to act on your recommendations.**
* The problem/challenge **is to back up your recommendations with authoritative (sourced) facts.**

***Role:***

* You are **an advisor to PRESIDENT TRUMP**
* You have been asked **to make recommendation with respect to the USA’s Middle East Oil policy.**
* Your job is **is to write a letter to the president with your recommendations with respect to our foreign policy in the Middle East:**

***Audience:***

* Your client is **President Trump**
* The target audience is **President Trump and his foreign policy team.**
* You must convince **the adults to take your advice seriously**.

***Situation:***

* The context you find yourself in is as **an advisor that is basing your recommendations on your research and knowledge of social studies.**
* The challenge involves **communicating your ideas and facts in the form of a letter.**

***Product/Performance and Purpose:***

* You will compose a letter in order to **advise and influence President Trump’s oil policy in the Middle East.**
* You need to **develop a well written and sourced letter** so that **your recommendations are taken seriously.**

***Standards & Criteria for Success***

* Your performance needs to **fulfill all requirements outlined in the task (see task outline below)**
* Your work will be judged by **an assessment based on the criteria set in your rubric.**
* A successful result will meet the **criteria for the 7th grade social studies and ELA standards and result in your letter being sent to the White House.**

**The Task Outline** – Your task is to use the information discovered in your WEBQUEST inform the president about oil in the Middle East.

* **Using the Block Letter format you used for your PSA letter to Mrs. McDonald, address a letter from YOU to President Donald Trump**

President Donald Trump

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20500

**LETTER FORMAT:**

* **A Greeting** (Dear President Trump,) followed by a few words of encouragement as he takes on the biggest job in the whole world!! - **Paragraph one**
  + **Explain why Saudi Arabia is** the country in the Middle East that you consider most important? Explain why, **Use data** from your Webquest research – **Paragraph two**
  + **The importance of oil –** Include a minimum of 5 facts from the Webquest
  + **An explanation of OPEC** - what is it?/who are the members?/what do they do?(he might not know) – **Paragraph three**
  + **Final recommendation/Concluding paragraph – sum up the important points you made**
  + **Enrichment 3D Bonus** – P.S. PARAGRAPH – Tell him about Sudan. Include a bonus paragraph that details any information that you have learned from “A Long Walk to Water”

**Sentence Starters**

**Paragraph 2**- POSSIBLE SENTENCE

STARTERS

**I would identify Saudi Arabia as the most important country. I say this because...**

**According to the Telegraph** website, Saudi Arabia…

Oil is an important commodity. Some facts you may not know

**Paragraph 3** - POSSIBLE SENTENCE

STARTERS

about oil are…

We use oil for much more than fuel…

**Paragraph 4** - POSSIBLE SENTENCE

STARTERS

Oil is very important to the United States because….

It is also important to understand OPEC. OPEC stands for…

OPEC is also very important to the Middle East. OPEC stands for…