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**Salt: A Valuable Resource**

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Directions: Use phrases and your own words.

1. **THINK**: Present day, we want/need salt for: (list as many things as you can come up with.)
2. **THINK**: In early civilizations in Africa, salt was worth its weight in gold (1 bar of salt=1 bar of gold.) What valuable uses did salt have for someone living then?
3. **LOOK UP** (<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/food/salt.htm>) : Where & when is the earliest form of salt production found? How did the Chinese use salt? (make sure to read pg#2 of article-“more about salt”)
4. **WATCH** (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bi9bJhRZtKA>): Describe this process of getting salt from the earth. How is travel in the desert difficult?
5. **WATCH** (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQAUY6JH25M>) Describe the old way of getting salt and the new way of getting salt as shown in this video. Rewatch clip as necessary.
6. **LOOK UP**: Salt trade was carried on the backs of camels, called “ships of the desert.” Why are/were camels an effective means of transport for this trade region? List at least five facts.

Website(s) used:

1. **LOOK UP:** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8393442.stm>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/02/13/world/in-sahara-salt-mine-life-s-not-too-grim.html>

How has salt trade changed today? What are some of the current issues/challenges? At least five facts.

1. **THINK**: If salt was once worth its weight in gold because it was so valuable, what today would be “worth its weight in gold?” Choose something and describe your reasoning in at least 5-7 sentences. Type in MS Word to help with proofreading, ***then post your response to the class on Edmodo***.