

Instructions for Station 4/8

Material World - Trading Places

You will be working as an individual and with your team creating a list of things to take to Mali to trade places with the Natomo family from that country for one year. You will also predict problems and offer advice so that the the family might better adjust to living in Houston.

Materials Managers - Make sure each team member has the instructions with picture on back.

Step 1 - Researching the Family. Look closely at the picture of the Natomo Family an consider some questions. Write just the answers answers on the top half of **page 72**:

Name of the Family?

What is the name of the country?

Is it hot or cold in the country?

Is it dry or rainy?

What is the family's home made of?

How does the family make a living?

How do they eat?

How many wives does Mr. Notomo have?

How does this family learn what is going on in the world?

Step 2 - On **page 73** of your Interactive Notebook, fold your page like a hot dog and draw a line down the center of the page, dividing it in half. This creates two columns. On the left column label it "Things I Can Take" and on the right "Things I Shouldn't Take" Your list on the left is of things that you currently own that your family could take and use. On the right, list things that you will not have any use for considering the conditions in the village. The longer the list, the better planning you are doing.

Step 3 - Writing your letter. Now that you have worked out what you can bring, you need to advise the Natomo family about how to survive at Grady and in Houston. On the bottom of **page 72** of your interactive notebook, write a short welcome letter identifying three changes that the Natomo family will have to get used to while living in your home/apartment.

If you need to see this picture you can find it at the following link:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/worldbalance/material.html>

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