Death Shall Come on Swift Wings To Him Who Disturbs the Peace of the King...
You, Howard Carter, and Lord Carnavon are standing at the opening to the last great hidden find in the Valley of the Kings. King Tut's tomb is believed to be the only tomb untouched by grave robbers. Inside this tomb may lie great treasures or may also contain great danger. It has long been believed that these tombs are cursed. Is there strong evidence to support this belief or are the "cursed" events just coincidence?

Your task is to decide if the curse is real or just coincidence. You will be using websites and a research group to decide if the curse is real. To protect your safety and the safety of all those involved, your research must be focused and your decision correct. The tomb may hold great treasures, but it may also cost you your life. Do you want to test the curse?

1. First you will collect data using the web links provided. To make this process easier choose two classmates to help you with your research. Chose one to be the head researcher, one to be the chief fact checker, and the other to be the head of information. Graphic Organizer for notes: http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/persuasion.pdf

Chief Fact Checker: http://www.unmuseum.org/mummy.htm
Head of Information: http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/curse.htm

2. When viewing the websites be sure to take clear notes, using the provided graphic organizer will be helpful in cataloging your findings.

3. Discuss your research with your fellow explorers and compare your findings.

4. With your information in hand write a summary of what you have found, compare and contrast reasons for going in or staying out of the tomb, and finally, include your final decision on whether to enter or not. Be sure to support your decision with facts so that your argument for staying out of or going in to the tomb is strong. Remember you must convince Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon.

Follow the criteria on the rubric when completing your notes and final report.
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**Conclusion**

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This lesson is designed to help students learn more about the tombs of Egypt, as well as the difference between fact and fiction. The lesson will build on the students' ability to research and organize new information, compare and contrast data collected, and make an informed decision. The produced document will also give students practice in writing a persuasive type of paper.

**Standards**

**Credits**

**Other**