

**Summer Skills Initiative**  
Reading Journal Template

Reading Journal		
Student Name:		Class:
		Date:
Title	The Ottoman Empire	
Source	LS4UAE	
Reading Goals		
<b>Read and understand a text about The Ottoman Empire.</b>		
Text		
<p>Have you ever been to the Museum of Military History in Vienna? It is an interesting place. I visited the museum with my father and my brother on our last summer holiday. My father and I are both very interested in history, and I am especially interested in the history of the Ottoman Empire.</p> <p>At the museum, we saw weapons used by Ottoman soldiers, including the reflex bow. This bow had a special design that allowed Ottoman armies to fire arrows effectively. The soldiers who used them had a special name – the Sipahi. They rode horses and wore a type of armor called a mail shirt.</p> <p>I really enjoyed seeing objects that were used by people many hundreds of years ago. My brother thought that it was exciting to see items in real life that he had only read about and seen pictures of in books. My father enjoyed our trip to the museum most of all. We had to convince him to leave after we had already been in the museum for three hours!</p>		
		 <p style="text-align: center;">A Sipahi</p>
Questions		Textual Evidence
<i>Answer each question with at least one complete sentence.</i>		<i>Write down the words or sentences from the text that helped you answer each question.</i>
Understanding Overall Meaning and Main Ideas	Describe how the Museum of Military History in Vienna is interesting.	
Identifying Specific Information and Inferencing	How were weapons used by Ottoman soldiers?	
Making Connections	How was the narrator's museum experience different from his brother's?	
Reflection		
If you could create a museum, what would you put in the museum and why?		