The following historic costumes are constructed using paper grocery bags, scissors, staples and a little bit of tempera paint. Below is a diagram labeling the parts of the bag.
**Paper Bag Costumes**

*Roman Soldier*

The basic element of the costume is attained by cutting a hole in the bottom of the bag for the student's head and arm holes in the sides. For the Roman soldier, make additional cuts along the bottom (the dashed lines). To create the shoulder flaps, cut those same shapes out of another bag, stapling them on the bottom of the bag through the head hole. Complete by painting on the armor.
Paper Bag Costumes

Egyptian Royalty

The basic element of the costume is attained by cutting a hole in the bottom of the bag for the student's head and arm holes in the sides. Cut a large arc and a bead hole from a second bag as shown. Paint the first bag white and the second piece golden with jewels to mimic an Egyptian breastplate. Place both elements over the child's head.
**Paper Bag Costumes**

*Elizabethan Coat*

The basic element of the costume is attained by cutting a hole in the bottom of the bag for the student's head and arm holes in the sides. Cut long strips from a second bag and staple around the arm openings on both sides. Using a side panel from the other bag, staple "cuffs" to the narrow strips. Cut an opening down the front of the costume and paint a lace collar on the top. Shakespeare never looked finer!
The basic element of the costume is attained by cutting a hole in the bottom of the bag for the student's head and arm holes in the sides. Paint a cross and rope belt on the bag. Cut a second bag as shown, shortening it to fit the student's head, then staple the bag around the head hole to create a monk's hood.
On the following two pages are invitations for your celebrations. The first is for a costume party. For that invitation, print out the number of invites you need then fold on the dotted lines, ending with the mask being on the front cover. For the ancient world banquet, print out the number of invites you need then cut out the envelope shape, folding on the dotted lines (left and right sides first) then fold the bottom and tuck in the top flap.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN HISTORIC COSTUME PARTY.
COME GARBED IN THE FASHION OF A PARTICULAR PERIOD IN TIME . . .
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO A TASTY EVENT CALLED—

TASTE OF THE
ANCIENT WORLD

DATE: __________
TIME: __________
LOCATION: ____________________