**DIRECTIONS SHEET**

**Should the United States switch to the metric system?**

**Gathering your materials:**

1. **Open the 8th grade website:** [**http://dms8thgrade.weebly.com**](http://dms8thgrade.weebly.com)
2. **Click on science**
3. **Open the three project handouts**
4. **Save each handout to your server documents to access**

**Gathering your information:**

1. **Open the NASA article**
2. **Read Metric Mishap caused loss of NASA orbiter**
3. **Using the highlighter tool in Microsoft excel, highlight evidence for or against the U.S. switching to the metric system.**
4. **Use one of the websites for research to find one additional article**
5. **Read the article your find**
6. **Using the highlighter tool in Microsoft excel, highlight evidence for or against the U.S. switching to the metric system.**

**Organizing your information:**

1. **Open your claims and evidence graphic organizer**
2. **Enter the highlighted evidence from the NASA article into your graphic organizer**
3. **Enter the highlighted evidence from your additional article**

**Present your findings:**

1. **Choose one of the following to explain whether the U.S. should or should not switch to the metric system:**
   1. **Newspaper article**
   2. **Magazine article**
   3. **Brochure**
   4. **Flyer**
   5. **Essay**
2. **Follow the rubric to incorporate all of the requirements into your explanation.**