Personal Property and Bailments Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: The chart below compares property inheritance rights of women in the United States to those of women in Kenya. Complete the chart based on your reading of the text. Then write one or two paragraphs about the rights of women and their property in Kenya and whether you agree or disagree and why.

WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS

United States	Kenya
Granted same rights in property as males	Have different rights in property than males
Outlaws discrimination based on sex	Permits discrimination based on sex in cases of adoption, marriage, divorce, burial, distribution of property upon death, and other matters
Both male and female inherit equally if no surviving spouse.	Both male and female inherit equally if no surviving spouse, However, if surviving spouse is a women and remarries, she loses all interest in the property.
Laws apply to members of all ethnic groups	Laws exempt Muslims. In Islamic law, a son inherits double the share of a daughter. If there are a wife and children, wife gets only one-eighth of the estate.

DIRECTIONS: For each situation that follows, draw a conclusion about who is responsible and explain your answer.

Situation	Person Responsible and Why
A friend asks you to watch his camera while he uses a public restroom. He places the camera on the table in front of you. While you are waiting, another person bumps the table. The camera falls to the ground, breaking the lens. Are you liable for the damage?	I am not liable because my friend, the bailor, received the sole benefit of the bailment.
You drop off your car at a garage to be repaired. The mechanic gives you an estimate for the repairs. You agree to have him perform the work. The mechanic stacks some tools next to your car. The tools fall and hit your car, making a large dent. Is the mechanic liable for the damage?	The mechanic is liable because this is a mutual benefit bailment – both parties benefit from the agreement. The mechanic did not use reasonable care when he placed the tools next to my car.
You are in possession of an antique table that you wish to sell. You cosign the antique to a dealer who will try to sell it for you. The dealer arrives at the gallery one morning and notices a large scratch on the table. The dealer never noticed the scratch before and does not know how it got there. Who is responsible for the damage?	The dealer is probably responsible because the burden of proof rests on the dealer as the bailee. The dealer is in the best position to know what happened.
You check into a hotel room and leave to eat at a nearby restaurant. While you are gone, another hotel guest accidently sets the building on fire by leaving an iron turned on. Your possessions are destroyed in the fire. Is the hotel keeper liable for your property loss?	The hotel keeper is not liable. It was an accidental fire in which no negligence can be attributed to the hotel keeper.

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blank with the correct answer.

- 1. A bailment for the sole benefit of the bailee is a **Special Bailment**.
- 2. A bailment for the sole benefit of the bailor is a *Gratuitous bailment*.
- 3. Someone who holds property wrongfully is a *Tortious bailment*.
- 4. A(n) <u>copyright</u> is a right granted to an author, composer, photographer, or artist to exclusively publish and sell a work.
- 5. **Personal property** is everything except real property that can be owned.
- 6. A(n) mutual benefit bailment is a bailment in which both parties receive some benefit.
- 7. A(n) <u>patent</u> is a grant giving an inventor the exclusive right to an invention for a set period of time.
- 8. *Intellectual property* is an original work fixed in a tangible medium of expression.
- 9. A(n) *carrier* is a business that transports persons, goods, or both.
- 10. A(n) *common carrier* is compensated for providing transportation to the general public.
- 11. A distinctive mark, symbol, or slogan used to identify and distinguish a business's goods is called a(n) <u>trademark</u>.
- 12. Design a logo for the new Missouri Turtles Motorcycle racing team. Include the appropriate insignia to show that it is trademarked.

Must include a design and have the ™ next to the design showing it as a trademark.

<u>Design will vary and should include a picture of a turtle or the word turtle, along with some type of</u> wheels or motorcycle, and the picture or words Missouri.