

Create Your Own Civilization Project

Due Monday, June 2nd

Purpose: To create a new civilization using the information we will be learning about the Maya and from the US regions, monuments and the book *Weslandia*.

Part 1: Create a title sheet with your name (first and last), and the name of your civilization (this should be stapled to the top of your paragraphs) (2 points)

Part 2: Write a paper that describes your civilization. (48 points total)

- 1st paragraph: **Introduce your civilization. Give it a name.** Tell me about their natural boundaries/geography. Choose a location in the world, or create one of your own (but based on actual physical features known to Earth). Your paragraph should answer these questions:

1. **What is the name of your civilization?**
2. **If you were to describe your civilization to the world, what would you say?**
3. **How does the land provide food, water and protection naturally?**

(12 points)

2nd paragraph: Describe the organized government of your civilization. Your paragraph should answer these questions:

1. **What form of government does your culture have?**
2. **How are the leaders selected?**
3. **What are the titles of those in power? (Ex. President, king, ruler, all mighty one)**
4. **What are the responsibilities of those in power?**
5. **What major laws have been made and why? (at least two)**
6. **What punishments exist for law breakers?**

(12 points)

3rd paragraph: Describe the religion of your civilization. Your paragraph should answer these questions:

1. **What god(s) is/are worshipped by the people in this civilization?**
2. **Is your civilization polytheistic (more than one god) or monotheistic (only one god)?**
3. **How do the people show respect for their god(s)?**
4. **Who are the "holy people" of your civilization?**
5. **What are the most important teachings, rules, or ideas that your civilization's religion teaches?**
6. **Describe the most important religious holiday in your culture. Tell what it is and how people in your civilization celebrate it.**

(12 Points)

4th paragraph: Describe the contributions of your civilization (things your civilization created for the world). For example: The Chinese created paper that we still use today.

Your paragraph should answer these questions:

1. **What is the name of the language your civilization speaks?**
2. **What are the major pieces of technology used?**
 - What do they use to help them with:
 - Food
 - Travel

- Building
- Communication

*Technology is relative to the time period. An ancient civilization would not have cell phones, nor would a futuristic civilization use horse and buggy (probably!)
(12 points)

Part 3: Illustrations (50 points total)

Map: (10 points)

Draw a colorful map with a key that shows what your civilization's geography looks like. On a piece of white computer paper, draw the major city of your civilization

Try to include as much detail as you can from your written description. I should see somewhere included in the drawing:

- Important physical features in or nearby the city
- The city itself
- The people within the city (doing their jobs, shopping, etc.)
- Some special jobs in the civilization (or the building where the job is located)
- Examples of military, government, school, religion, currency
- Language and/or writing (i.e. on signs, posters, billboards, thought bubbles, etc.)
- Examples of technology being used

Artifacts: (20 points total)

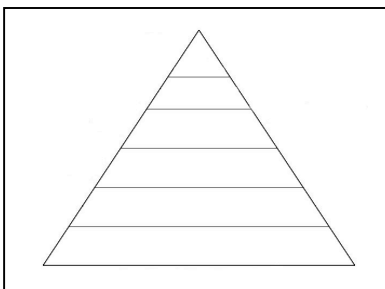
1st Artifact: Choose something that an archaeologist might discover from your civilization and **illustrate** it. Your choices might include a major building, a religious figure, cooking materials, or flag, etc...

2nd Artifact: Create a writing sample that your civilization has created.

Social Class Pyramid: (10 points)

Create a pyramid that shows the class divisions in your society. Label the levels of the pyramid.

Example:



Art of your Civilization: (10 points)

Illustrate or a design a creative model of art used in your civilization. Examples include, but are not limited to: jewelry, games, dance, musical instruments, weapons, architecture, clothing, or sports.

****Project should be stapled or bound together neatly. Do not forget to put a cover sheet on top of work with your name, period, and title.**

IMPORTANT: Your paper must be typed or written neatly in pen. Please proofread your final copy. Your illustrations should be on white paper or construction paper. Do not use notebook paper for your illustrations. The illustrations must be in color.

GRADE: This project is worth 100 points. See point values beside each requirement.

Extra Credit: You may present these projects to the class for extra credit. Point values will be determined.

I can not wait to see what my wonderful, smart, intelligent, and creative students design. The possibilities are endless.

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