**Comparative Cultures**

**Ancient Civilizations Term Two Project**

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**Preamble**

Now that you have an understanding of the continuity and change ***within*** a civilization, as well as the cultural exchange ***between*** civilizations, it is time to have some fun researching ancient systems. There are amazing similarities between some civilizations in art, science, architecture, and technology; conversely, there are also massive differences due to factors such as geographic needs, innovative thinking, and leadership, to name a few.

**Assignment – Timeline and Research**

You will only have three days in the library to research your topic (Nov. 6, 8, 13), so use your time wisely. A trip to your public and/or university library is also strongly suggested, and the earlier, the better.

You will have two more additional classes to ‘put it all together’ and finalize your thoughts and writing.

**DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Choose a topic that you are passionate about (must big large topic, connected to a system of some sort)
2. Choose TWO civilizations that you are interested in exploring
3. Research the development of your topic throughout the history of the two civilizations
4. ALL research must be in your own words and properly cited through EasyBib (create an account)

**Assignment – Paper**

Your write-up must have a compare/contrast focus (similarities/differences) and must not simply regurgitate information. Instead, analyze the topic in the two civilizations and draw some conclusions about them.

The paper must be 3 pages long, 12 font, space and a half, and must have a clear introduction with thesis, body, and conclusion. Formal historical writing (avoid first and second person, slang, informal language, etc.).

**Presentation – Show and Shine**

In addition to the paper, you will be explaining what you have learned to others in the class so we can all benefit from your research. This part of the project will include a visual presentation where you will explain your findings to others in a pod. Please be unique, creative, and interesting in your presentation of materials and findings!

**Presentation DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(students absent from this small pod presentation will need to present in front of the class instead)

**Assessment**

Hand in the project in the following manner:

Good Copy

Bibliography (EasyBib and must contain books)

Rough Copy

Graphic Organizer

Notes

Other

**Citation**

As you research, write down the page number and book titles where direct quotes and paraphrased information have been utilized. All books used for information, visuals and ideas must be included in a bibliography.

Make and EasyBib account if you do not already have one. You MUST put all information in your own words, and terms of reference must be briefly explained.

Your project will be assessed on the following criteria: