7th Grade Ancient Civilizations (Key Assignment)

Design Your Own Ideal Civilization-planning outline

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**Objective**: Your task is to create your own original, ideal, and new civilization using the information that we have learned about the following: Mesopotamia, Persia, ancient Egypt, ancient China, Hebrews, and Indus River Valley.

***\*Your finished product may be in any format (poster, PowerPoint, PREZI, Photo Story, etc.).***

***In addition, you MUST cite any sources that you’ve referred to other than your Ancient Civilizations textbook and class handouts provided by Mr. Knauss.***

***\*If you print pictures from a credible, appropriate website, then you MUST cite the exact website from which you found the picture(s). You may not just use “Google images” as your citation since that is just a search engine; not a website. It will result in a deduction of 1 point for each outside source used and/or picture from the Internet that is not cited.***

***If you incorporate any components of a specific civilization learned about, then you must include which one you modeled.***

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| **Part 1: Name of your civilization (3 points total)** |
| 1. **What is the name of your civilization? (1 point)**
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| 1. **Why did you decide on this name? How did you come up with it? (2 points)**
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| **Part 2: Natural boundaries and territories**. **(10 points total)** |
| 1. **Where is your civilization located in the world? (City, Country) (2 points)**
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| 1. **Describe the climate of your civilization. (2 points)**
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| 1. **Describe the landscape of your civilization. (2 points)**
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| 1. **What parts of the land and/or coastlines make your culture easy to attack? (2 points)**
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| 1. **What defenses does the land provide naturally? (2 points)**
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| **Part 3: Social Structure (10 points total)****Create a pyramid that shows the class divisions in your society.** |
| 1. **Label the levels of the pyramid. (4 points)**

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| 1. **Explain which groups of people are included in each division. (4 points)**
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| 1. **Include specific jobs for each division of class. (2 points)**
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| **Part 4: Government and Laws (20 points)****Describe the organized government of your civilization.** |
| 1. **What form of government does your culture have? (2 points)**
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| 1. **How are the leaders selected? (2 points)**
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| 1. **What are the titles of those in power? (Ex. President, king, ruler, etc.) (2 points)**
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| 1. **What are the responsibilities of those in power? (at least 4 responsibilities) (4 points)**
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| 1. **What major laws have been made and why? (at least one minor and one severe) (4 points)**
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| 1. **What punishments exist for law breakers according to your laws? (4 points)**
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| 1. **Explain your form of military. (foot soldiers, navy, etc.) (2 points)**
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| **Part 5: Religion (10 points)****Describe the religion of your civilization.**  |
| 1. **Is your civilization polytheistic or monotheistic? (2 points)**
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| 1. **Who is considered to be your religious leader(s)? (1 point)**
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| 1. **Which god is/god(s) are worshipped by the people in this civilization? (2 points)**
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| 1. **How do the people show respect for their god(s)? (2 points)**
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| **5. Describe the most important religious holiday or ceremony in your culture. Tell what it is and explain how people in your civilization celebrate it. (3 points)** |
| **Part 6: Language (10 points)** |
| 1. **What is the name of the language your civilization speaks? (3 points)**
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| **2. Explain whether your language is represented by symbols, pictures, letters, or a combination of some or all above? (2 points)** |
| 1. **Create a writing sample that your civilization has created. (5 points)**
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| **Part 7: Economics (9 points)****Describe the economic system in your civilization.** |
| 1. **What is your type of currency? (1 point)**
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| 1. **Explain at least four factors that have an effect on your economy. (8 points)**
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| **Part 8: Arts, Literature, Customs, and Traditions (20 points)** |
| **Describe components of art, literature, customs, and traditions in your civilization.****Create a picture collage of artifacts within your civilization that represent art, literature, science, and math. Examples include (but are not limited to): jewelry, games, dance, musical instruments, architecture, clothing, or sports.****\*You must incorporate at least 10 different artifacts, all from different categories definitely incorporating art and literature. (Some examples of categories provided above).** |
| **Part 9: Contributions (8 points)** |
| **Describe contributions of your civilization. (These are things your civilization created for the world that are NOT part of the artifacts mentioned for arts, literature, customs, and traditions.)** **For example: The ancient Egyptians created paper that we still use today.** **You are to create a picture display of the major inventions your civilization created including the following:** |
| 1. **at least four inventions labeled (4 points)**
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| 1. **an image of each invention (2 points)**
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| 1. **description of its use (2 points)**
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**TOTAL POINTS: 100**