Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7th Grade Ancient Civilizations (Key Assignment)

Design Your Own Ideal Civilization Rubric

**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 presentation 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.***

**\_\_\_/3 Part 1: Name of your civilization**

1. **What is the name of your civilization? \_\_\_/1**
2. **Why did you decide on this name? How did you come up with it? \_\_\_/2**

**\_\_\_/10 Part 2: Natural boundaries and territories**.

1. **Where is your civilization located in the world? (City, Country) \_\_\_/2**
2. **Describe the climate of your civilization. \_\_\_/2**
3. **Describe the landscape of your civilization. \_\_\_/2**
4. **What parts of the land and/or coastlines make your culture easy to attack? \_\_\_/2**
5. **What defenses does the land provide naturally? \_\_\_/2**

**\_\_\_/10 Part 3: Social Structure**

**Create a pyramid that shows the class divisions in your society. (Example of pyramid structure)**

1. **Label the levels of the pyramid. \_\_\_/4**



1. **Explain which groups of people are included in each division. \_\_\_/4**
2. **Include specific jobs for each division of class. \_\_\_/2**

**\_\_\_/20 Part 4: Government and Laws**

**Describe the organized government of your civilization.**

1. **What form of government does your culture have? \_\_\_/2**

**2. How are the leaders selected? \_\_\_/2**

**3. What are the titles of those in power? (Ex. President, king, ruler, all mighty one) \_\_\_/2**

**4. What are the responsibilities of those in power? (at least 4 responsibilities) \_\_\_/4**

**5. What major laws have been made and why? (at least one minor and one severe) \_\_\_/4**

**6. What punishments exist for law breakers according to your laws? \_\_\_/4**

**7. Explain your form of military. (foot soldiers, navy, etc.) \_\_\_/2**

**\_\_\_/10 Part 5: Religion**

**Describe the religion of your civilization.**

1. **Is your civilization polytheistic or monotheistic? \_\_\_/2**
2. **Who is considered to be your religious leader(s)? \_\_\_/1**
3. **Which god is/god(s) are worshipped by the people in this civilization? \_\_\_/2**

**4. How do the people show respect for their god(s)? \_\_\_/2**

**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**

**\_\_\_/10 Part 6: Language**

**1. What is the name of the language your civilization speaks? \_\_\_/3**

1. **Explain whether your language is represented by symbols, pictures, letters, or a**

**combination of some or all above? \_\_\_/2**

1. **Create a writing sample that your civilization has created. \_\_\_/5**

**\_\_\_/9 Part 7: Economics**

**Describe the economic system in your civilization.**

1. **What is your type of currency? \_\_\_/1**
2. **Explain at least four factors that have an effect on your economy. \_\_\_/8**

**\_\_\_/20 Part 8: Arts, Literature, Customs, and Traditions**

**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).**

**\_\_\_/8 Part 9: Contributions**

**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)**
2. **an image of each invention (2 points)**
3. **description of its use (2 points)**

**\_\_\_/100 TOTAL POINTS**