

Ancient Civilization Research Project:

- You will pick a civilization to research based on your personal preference
- You will choose 2 of the research topics below
- Use internet sources to take detailed notes (in your own words) for each of your topics - make sure you state where the information came from on your bibliography sheet
 - Each topic has to be 3 paragraphs of a minimum 8 sentences.
 - Make sure you answer the guiding questions for your topic (below)
- Create an essay about your topic.
 - Each topic needs at least **one** visual to go with it (picture, map, diagram, etc.)
- Your essay should include:
 - An introduction paragraph – an overview of the civilization and topics being discussed
 - 3 paragraphs on each of your chosen topics
 - A concluding paragraph – wrap it all up

Civilizations	Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ancient China▪ Ancient Greece▪ Ancient Rome▪ Ancient India▪ Ancient Mesopotamia▪ Ancient Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Geography▪ Government▪ Economy▪ Beliefs▪ Technology▪ Writing▪ Art/Architecture▪ Slavery▪ Rise and Fall▪ Contributions

Helpful Websites:

- <https://www.ushistory.org/civ/>
- <https://www.ancient.eu/>
- <https://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/ancientcivilizations.htm>
- <http://www.legendsandchronicles.com/ancient-civilizations/>
- <https://www.ancienthistoryforkids.com/>

Guiding Questions for Each Topic:

1) Geography

- a. Where were they located? What is that place called today? What effect did the geographic setting have on the civilization that grew there? Were they

geographically isolated from other civilizations? Were they exposed to large bodies of water? How did each of these effect civilization?

2) Government

- a. What type of ruler did they have? Describe some famous rulers from your civilization and their accomplishments. How were the governments organized? What type of laws did they have? What were their courts like?

3) Economy

- a. What role did trade and commerce have in this civilization? What were their major products for trade? Who were their major trade partners? How did geography affect their trade? Was their economy based on a division of social classes?

4) Beliefs/Religion

- a. What kind of religion or worship did they practice? Were they polytheistic/monotheistic? Was their religion and their government combined? Did they believe in life after death?

5) Technology

- a. What innovations were made in this civilization? Did they have a calendar? Did they have irrigation systems? How did they build their buildings? Roads?

6) Writing

- a. What form of communication did they use? What type of writing did they have? Was it pictographic? Can we read it today? Why did it develop? Was it used by other civilizations as well?

7) Art/Architecture

- a. What role did the arts have in this civilization? What were their main forms of art? What was their architecture like? What can we learn about them from their art?

8) Slavery

- a. How was slavery a part of this civilization? Were cities/monuments etc. built by slave labour? Was slavery based on race or class? Was it permanent?

9) Rise and Fall

- a. What caused this civilization to develop and decline? Did they conquer another civilization? If not, why/how did they become a large civilization? Were they conquered? How many times were they conquered? What caused the end of the empire?

10) Contributions

- a. What were the major contributions of this civilization to the world at their time? Any notable inventions? Are there any lasting contributions still seen today? What did they leave us?