**The Ancient Americas Mini-Project**

*In order to test your knowledge of the different civilizations we have studied over the past few weeks, you are going to create a brochure demonstrating your brainpower and creativity. As with any project, there are a few requirements. Please make sure to read through each one carefully!*

**Materials Needed:**

* Laptops (Research)
* Textbooks (Research)
* Colored Pencils
* Construction Paper/ Colored Paper
* Glue
* Scissors

**Choose your civilization:**

* The Mayans
* The Aztecs
* The Incas

**Front Page (Title Page):**

* Create an interesting cover that grabs the reader’s attention.
  + This page should include the name of your civilization and a picture or drawing representing your civilization,
  + Your Name
  + Class Period
  + Date

**Inside the Brochure:**

* This is where the majority of your information will be found. You will need to include the following information:
  + Location: You will need to create a map to show the location of your civilization and shade the areas that they occupied.
  + Highlight the key features of the religious belief system. You should include any important deities (gods). Include a picture or drawing representing the civilizations belief system.
  + Creation Account: You will need to tell me how your civilization believed human beings were created. Draw a timeline or map to demonstrate sequence of events.
  + You will also need to include 5 interesting facts about your civilization. Draw a picture representing or demonstrating 2 interesting facts.

Remember that creativity counts so be sure to use color and have plenty of pictures (you may draw the pictures or print off color pictures from home).

**Enrichment Activity:**

* Take your project to the next level! Create a comic strip depicting a key part of your civilization. Your comic strip needs at least 3 scenes (see format below). Possible parts to consider:
* <http://www.toondoo.com/>
  + Daily Life
  + Important Figures (religious or political)
  + The building of important cities
  + Important events or encounters
  + Decline of your civilization

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| **1st: Square:**  This is where you would set up your comic. Include the setting and important characters. You would also want to introduce the problem or conflict. | **2nd Square:**  Here is where you want to build your rising action and then have your character come face to face with the conflict or problem. | **3rd Square:**  In this square you want to bring your story to a satisfying resolution. |

**Project Rubric**

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| **Requirements** | **5 Points** | **3 Points** | **1 Point** | **Total Points** |
| Front Page (Title Page) | Cover grabs the reader’s attention with a creative picture or drawing representing your civilization.  Cover includes your name, the date, and the class period. | Cover grabs the reader’s attention but lacks some creativity. Cover includes your name, the date, and the class period. | Cover lacks creativity and does not grab the reader’s attention. Project guidelines were not followed. |  |
| Location | Map clearly shows the location of your civilization and the areas they occupied. Map also includes a key. | Map shows the location of your civilization but does not include the areas they occupied and/or a key. | Map does not show the location of your civilization. Project guidelines were not followed. |  |
| Religious Belief System | Religious belief system clearly outlined and with important deities included and identified. Picture or drawing clearly represents the civilization. | Religious belief system outlined but missing some details. Important deities identified but lacking information. Picture/drawing somewhat represents the civilization. | Religious belief system not clearly outlined and missing key details. Important deities not identified.. Picture not an accurate representation. |  |
| Creation Account | Creation account accurately summarized. Sequence of events clearly demonstrated in illustration or timeline. | Creation account summarized but lacking some detail. Sequence of events not clearly demonstrated in illustration or timeline. | Creation account not summarized and lacking important details. Sequence of events not accurate and/or not included. |  |
| 5 Interesting Facts | All 5 facts included and accurate. Picture representations creative and accurate. | At least 3 facts included and accurate. Picture representations lack creativity. | Less than 2 facts included but lack in detail. Picture representations not included. |  |
| **Project Grade:** | | | | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_25pts** |

Project Feedback:

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