

World Area Studies

Summer Assignment

100 Points

DUE DATE First **week of school**

You have a choice of one of the following assignments:

I. Biographical Research Paper on Historical Figures: (3-5 pages double-spaced, 12

Point Times New Roman font)

- a. Must include a Title Page along with a Works Cited Page in addition to the 3-5 page paper
- b. Focus on the questions: (WHO was this person, WHAT did he do in his lifetime, WHEN did he live and die, WHERE did he live, and WHY are his life accomplishments important today?)
- c. Please choose from the following people in history:

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| i. Hammurabi | xii. Augustus |
| ii. Siddhartha Gautama | xiii. Constantine |
| iii. Muhammad | xiv. Justinian |
| iv. Abraham | xv. Shi Huang Di |
| v. Jesus Christ | xvi. Leonidas of Sparta |
| vi. Homer | xvii. Wang Mang |
| vii. Alexander the Great | xviii. Han Wudi |
| viii. Plato | xix. Henry VIII |
| ix. Socrates | xx. John Calvin |
| x. Aristotle | xxi. Martin Luther |
| xi. Julius Caesar | |

II. Interactive Poster and Presentation: (this activity may be done with 1 partner if you know someone in the same period)

- a. Full size poster using a variety of different types of medium including information, visuals, and anything else that could enhance your poster (50 points)
- b. Five Minute Presentation: note cards may be used and both partners must participate.
- c. Partners will be graded individually.
- d. Please choose from the following topics.
 - World Religion (Different types of religions across the world)
 - Ancient Chinese Civilization (specific attributes and characteristics)
 - Athens v. Sparta (a comparison and contrast of life in Ancient Greece)
 - Rome (characteristics of Roman life)
 - Life in the Middle Ages (the people, the plague, the misery)
 - Ancient Mesopotamian Civilization (specific attributes and characteristics)
 - How geography has affected History

III. Enduring Influences Power Point Presentation: (this activity may be done with 1 partner)

- a. Slideshow must be saved on both students google drive.
- b. Partners will be graded individually.
- c. 7 – 10 informational slides including a bibliography
- d. Slideshow must incorporate the use of visuals including pictures, maps, and charts where needed.
- e. Additional professional effects should also be incorporated in to the presentation.
- f. The objective of this project is to analyze historical topics and the enduring influence they have had on the world today.
- g. Please choose from the following topics:
 - The development of various world religions and how they exist and have changed today
 - Impact of Ancient China on other civilizations and how China has changed over the years to current times
 - Impact of Greek and Roman Civilizations and specific contributions to the present world.
 - Impact of Mesopotamia early civilizations on other civilizations
 - Historical analysis of current social, political, geographical, and or economic issues facing the world today

IV. Historical Time Period News Broadcast VIDEO: (group project- up to 4 people)

- a. Finished video should be an average of 10 minutes.
- b. Video must be saved to your google drive and be able to be watched by Teacher.
- c. The objective for this project is to create a news broadcast (forget the fact that there were not even radios during this time period!) highlighting some of the major characteristics of life in these early civilizations of people.
- d. Some suggestions for your video include: (interviews of important historical figures, re-enactments of historical events, commercials highlighting new inventions of the time period, health warnings related to plagues, propaganda, and alerts regarding economic crisis, etc).
- e. ABSOLUTELY NO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES OR DANGEROUS STUNTS ARE TO BE USED IN THE MAKING OF THIS VIDEO AND IT MUST BE 100% SCHOOL APPROPRIATE IN ALL ASPECTS.
- f. Choose from the following time periods:
 - § River Valley Civilizations
 - § Ancient Greece
 - § Ancient Rome
 - § Medieval Europe
 - § Paleolithic/Neolithic
 - § The Reformation