

## Civilizations Project

### Names of Group Members:

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The Sumerians, the Akkadians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Phoenicians, the Israelites, the Assyrians, the Persians and Hittites were the First Civilizations of the West. Some of these civilizations lasted only a couple hundred years. Others, like the Egyptians, lasted over 2000 years. All of them made important contributions to the development of technology, writing, religion, warfare, art & architecture and government. What was it about these groups of people that made them civilized?

You will be assigned one of the first civilizations included in our textbook to research.

These include: the Sumerians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Israelites, the Phoenicians and Hittites.

You will be broken into groups of 3-4 for this project and will receive a group grade. So pick your group members wisely. Points will be deducted from individual grades for not using class time to the fullest.

Create a slide presentation including the following:

- Provide overview of who these people were and where they were located (include a map) and when. \_\_\_\_\_5pts
- Explain and support if your assigned civilization is truly a civilization based on our six characteristics definition. \_\_\_\_\_5pts
- Include slides that explain and depict accomplishments in each of the six characteristics of a civilization (cities, government, social structure, writing, art and religion). \_\_\_\_\_5pts
- Provide a list of your sources (bibliography) \_\_\_\_\_ 5pts
  - Using the format below:

"British Museum - Hittites." 2011. 20 Aug. 2013

<[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures/middle\\_east/hittites.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures/middle_east/hittites.aspx)>

- Include 5 review questions to quiz your audience on what they have learned from your presentation. These will be turned into me with the answer key on a separate date to be formulated into a quiz that you will take after the presentations are complete. You will be allowed to use notes from the presentations to help you. \_\_\_\_\_/5pts

Slide Structure Requirements \_\_\_\_\_/5pts

- Minimum font size on each slide is 20 Pt.
- Each slide needs to include a title
- Complete sentences
- Use bullet points whenever possible (avoid plagiarism by summarizing information to short phrases) At least use 3-4 bullet points minimum.

Send your PowerPoint presentation to Miss Morris's email:

[morrist@union.k12.mo.us](mailto:morrist@union.k12.mo.us)

Total Group Grade \_\_\_\_\_/30 pts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessment Rubric for Individual PowerPoint Presentations to class**

	Exemplary 5	Accomplished 4	Developing 3	Beginning 2-0
Organization	Information presented in logical, interesting sequence	Information in logical sequence	Difficult to follow presentation-- student jumps around	Cannot understand presentation-- no sequence of information
Subject Knowledge	Demonstrates full knowledge by answering all class questions with explanations and elaborations	At ease with expected answers to questions but does not elaborate	Uncomfortable with information and is able to answer only rudimentary questions	Does not have a grasp of the information. Cannot answer questions about subject
Graphics Explanation	Explains and reinforces screen text and presentation	Relates to text and presentation	Occasionally uses graphics that rarely support text and presentation	Uses superfluous graphics or no graphics
<b>Oral Presentation</b> <b>Elocution/Eye Contact</b>	Maintains eye contact and pronounces all terms precisely. All audience members can hear.	Maintains eye contact most of the time and pronounces most words correctly. Most audience members can hear presentation.	Occasionally uses eye contact, mostly reading presentation, and incorrectly pronounces terms. Audience members have difficulty hearing	Reads with no eye contact and incorrectly pronounces terms. Speaks too quietly

Individual presentation grade \_\_\_\_\_/20

Total for overall project \_\_\_\_\_/50