

# Modern World History

## Summer Assignment

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Then you will be assigned an ancient civilization to research.

Assignments will be due the first day of class. Presentations on your assignments will be the following two classes.

**Ancient Civilizations:** Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Zhou, Qin, and Han Dynasties, Maurya and Gupta Empires, Rome and Greece

### **Task:**

**Option A:** Create a Weebly.com or Wix.com website about your assigned civilization. Both have free versions.

Visit [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com). Or <https://www.wix.com>

[How to create a Weebly Website](#)

[How to create a Wix Website](#)

**Option B:** Create a presentation using PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Prezi about your assigned civilization.

### **Your website/presentation must include:**

- A homepage or title page: this will be an overview of your whole website/presentation.
- You will have 9 additional pages.
- Must also include at least:
  - ten pictures
  - two videos
  - two links to other websites about your civilization
- Your sources must be reliable. Wikipedia is not a reliable source.
  - Websites that are helpful:
    - <https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history>
    - <https://www.nationalgeographic.org>
    - [arcgis.com](http://arcgis.com)
    - <https://www.ancient.eu>

**Page topics:** These are the topics that must be included on your website/presentation. Each page/slide should be able to answer the questions for each topic. If you are creating a website. Each page should be a tab on the website.

**\*Note:** This is a quick summary of each.

- Your tabs/slides should not be paragraphs in length, but bullet points that you can expand on during your presentation.
- You can utilize graphs, maps, and other imagery to help answer these questions.

### **Topic One- Geography:**

Where was this civilization located? Why did it develop there?

Describe the landforms of this region. Are there important rivers, mountains, oceans/seas, etc.?

Describe the climate (weather, plants, animals) of the region.

How did the location, climate, resources, and landforms affect the economy?

### **Topic Two- Culture:**

How did people survive? How did they make a living?

Who did they trade with and what items did they trade?

What unique art did your civilization produce? How was it unique?

### **Topic Three- Religion:**

What is polytheism?

What is monotheism?

What is your civilization monotheistic or polytheistic? How do you know?

What gods and/or goddesses did they worship?

What did they believe about the afterlife?

### **Topic Four- Society:**

How were social classes divided? (laws, tradition, etc.)

What were the privileges of the upper social groups?

Do certain classes do certain jobs?

Are women and men treated differently? Explain how and why.

### **Topic Five- Government:**

What type of government did they have?

How could a citizen be active in the government?

Who were some leaders who made changes in the government? Describe the changes they made.

### **Topic Six- Writing System:**

What type of writing system did they use?

How was it unique from other writing systems?

Why was the writing system important?

### **Topic Seven- Geography/Map:**

Your map needs to identify the following:

- What continent was your civilization on?
- Was your continent in the Western/Eastern hemispheres? The Northern/Southern hemispheres?
- What countries are now in that region?
- Show important rivers, mountain ranges, oceans/seas, major cities, important landmarks
- Were there any important trade routes? If so, mark them.

### **Topic Eight- Leader Bio:**

You will provide biographical information about one of the most important leaders of your civilization. You must answer the following:

When did they rule?

What political or governmental changes did he contribute to?

How did they impact the territory of your civilization? (Did they win battles and gain land; did they lose battles and lose land?)

### **Works Cited Page**

Your final page should be your works cited page.

All sources must be cited using MLA format.

[MLA format Guide](#)

<https://www.easybib.com>

<https://www.citationmachine.net>