World History

Design a Civilization Project

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In class, we defined the typical features common to civilizations. You will now demonstrate your understanding of these features by creating a fictional civilization. Up to three students may work together on this project.

Required elements:

1. **Name**: Create a name for your civilization.

**Geography**

1. *Location*: Choose a location for your civilization. You can pick any place on earth, but make sure that you can explain these two things about your location: 1. How will this location sustain crops and livestock? 2. How will this location be advantageous for defense against attacks?
2. *Stable food supply*: Name at least one crop you are going to grow and at least one type of animal that you are going to raise. If your choices are not native to this region, you must explain where they originated and how you gained access to them.
3. *Map*: After you have chosen your territory for your civilization, you need to create an aerial map showing the overall layout of where the following things are located: a. temple b. town square c. homes d. farmland e. roads f. government buildings (palace, court, capital)

**Social**

1. *Social hierarchy:* Create a social hierarchy pyramid for your society.

**Political**

1. *System of government*: Decide what type of government your civilization will be using. You have three choices:
2. Monarchy-government in which a royal family rules the nation (King-Queen)
3. Oligarchy-government in which a small group of “important” people rule a nation
4. Theocracy-government in which a god or gods rule through people because the whole country shares the same religion; this is usually done through priests.

After choosing a form of government, answer these questions: 1. Why did you choose this type of government? 2. How will the government run in a manner that helps the civilization?

**Religion**

1. Religious: Describe the religion of your civilization. Is your religion monotheistic or polytheistic? What god(s) is/are worshipped? Is there a connection between your religion and the political leadership of your society?

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**Intellectual**

1. *Architecture*: Include a picture (hand-drawn or digital) of one prominent building that is the focal point for your society. Be sure to describe its purpose and who was involved in constructing it.
2. *Laws*: Come up with at least four laws that your society has to follow. Make sure you include a punishment to match each law. Devise a plan to inform every person about the laws (tablets, statue).
3. *Writing system*: What type of writing system does your society use? Give specific examples of how your writing system would depict three different words or concepts.

**Technological**

1. *Inventions*: Describe two inventions created by your society and how these inventions make life easier for your citizens.

**Economic**

1. *Specialization of labor:* Describe at least five jobs that people would need to do in your civilization. Include the job title (scribe, farmer, etc.) and a brief job description (what will the person be expected to do in this job?). This should align with your social hierarchy pyramid (see above).

Tips and further expectations:

* Your product must be typed and include pictures. Be sure to spell-check your work.
* You may need to use your history book to ensure the accuracy of the types of characteristics one could expect in the ancient era.