

Unit 1: Civilization Comparison Essay

Due: by 11:59pm EST on Sunday at the end of Unit 1

Choose one period/culture from ancient Egypt and one period/culture from ancient Mesopotamia listed below to compare.

Egypt	Mesopotamia
Egyptian Old Kingdom	Sumerian
Egyptian Middle Kingdom	Babylonian
Egyptian New Kingdom	Assyrian

Develop an essay that analyzes the similarities and differences of the two civilizations in the following areas:

1. political structure
2. social structure
3. military
4. religion

Remember, this is not an outline or summary of the different components of the civilizations. This is an analysis of the similarities and differences. Your paper should be 2-3 pages in length in proper APA format while citing a minimum of 3 sources. Ensure you properly organize your essay including an introduction with thesis statement and a conclusion.

Students: Be sure to read the criteria, by which your paper will be evaluated, before you write, and again after you write. The rubric that will be used for grading this assignment is located on the next page.

Evaluation Rubric for *Civilization Comparison* Assignment

CRITERIA	Novice	Proficient	Exemplary
Thesis	No thesis or unclear or incomplete and does not demonstrate an understanding of social studies concepts. 0-1 Point	Weak, inadequately developed, and marginally demonstrates an understanding of social studies concepts. 2-3 Points	Clear, well-developed, and demonstrates an understanding of social studies concepts. 4-5 Points
Supporting Evidence & Analysis for Political Similarities and Differences	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between civilizations/empires. 0-3 Points	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between civilizations/empires. 4-7 Points	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between civilizations/empires. 8-10 Points
Supporting Evidence & Analysis for Social Similarities and Differences	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between civilizations/empires. 0-3 Points	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between civilizations/empires. 4-7 Points	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between civilizations/empires. 8-10 Points
Supporting Evidence & Analysis for Military Similarities and Differences	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between civilizations/empires. 0-3 Points	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between civilizations/empires. 4-7 Points	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between civilizations/empires. 8-10 Points
Supporting Evidence & Analysis for Religious Similarities and Differences	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between civilizations/empires. 0-3 Points	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between civilizations/empires. 4-7 Points	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between civilizations/empires. 8-10 Points

Clear and Professional Writing and Format	Errors impede professional presentation; guidelines not followed. 0-6 Points	Few errors that do not impede professional presentation. 7-13 Points	Writing and format is clear, professional, APA compliant, and error free. 14-20 Points
Total			65 Points