

Term Presentation

Your task is to choose one of the topics listed and prepare a presentation that lasts between 12 – 20 minutes. Superior projects will make effective use of multimedia (photos, diagrams, graphs, maps, charts, trimmed video files, etc...) that are relevant to the presentation topic. You will present in pairs, that way you only need to talk for 6 – 10 minutes. While this is a pairs project, you will be marked individually, so the effort or lack of effort of your partner will not influence your grade at all. Please make sure you refer to the marking scheme as it is a check list for you to ensure that you are doing all that is required so that you can achieve the highest mark possible based on the effort you put forth.

Topics

- 1) Choose the Incas, Mayans, OR Aztecs and present on what made them a dominant civilization in South and/or Latin America. You want to discuss their origins, chart their development and show when they reached the height of their power. How did this happen and how did their decline occur? As well, discuss their system of economics (how did they make their money and acquire wealth as a civilization?) Also, what about their religion? Were they monotheistic or polytheistic? What sort of Gods did they have and what were some of their religious beliefs? What about their legal system? What kind of laws and punishments existed? What was their culture like? Art, literature, fashion, etc...? And, finally, discuss their military power? Did they engage in wars of conquest or just localized wars? There can be 3 pairs for this topic, one for each civilization listed.
- 2) Do everything listed in topic one but for ancient Japan. There can only be 1 pair for this topic.
- 3) Discuss the role that women played in Ancient Egypt. What sort of responsibilities did they at all levels of the social hierarchy? What attitudes existed towards women in ancient Egypt and where did they originate? Also, explain the impact women had on the economy, in politics and law, in the cultural development of Egypt, and any other area of interest that you discovered. There can only be one pair for this topic.
- 4) Do everything listed in the topic three, but for either ancient Greece or Rome. There can be two pairs for this topic.

- 5) Present on the Knights Templar and compare them to one other order of knights from the ancient world. In your presentation discuss their origins, how a person was accepted into their order (what sort of initiation rituals did they encounter, for example), their rise to prominence, role in the ancient world, and decline. There can only be one pair for this topic.
- 6) Examine The Crusades and choose 6 important figures from the time period that The Crusades encompassed. Make sure that your selection of individuals is balanced between Christian and Muslim. Present a brief bio on your individuals and discuss the role they played in The Crusades and why they were important to this monumental time in ancient history. There can only be one pair for this topic.
- 7) Choose 4 – 6 Queens in ancient Europe (before the Renaissance) and discuss what made them important to ancient history. Talk about their origins (pre-queen biography), how they became a queen (their rise to power), and the legacy they left (their accomplishments – economic, cultural, legal, military). There can be two pairs but neither group can present on the same queens so, if you have this topic, you'll need to coordinate with the other pair to ensure that you are presenting on different queens from this time period.

This presentation will be marked out of 50, graded using the attached marking scheme, and assess your knowledge and understanding, communication, and application skills.