

# World Civilizations Project Research Notes

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**Research Notes:** These research notes are to help you maintain focus on the task at hand.

## **Slide 1 = Title Slide Civilization Name, Time Period, and Map of Location**

Time Period – When did they emerge as a civilization? When were they at their peak? How long were they around? When did they fall?

## **Slide 2 = Geographic Impact on Society**

Geography – Where were they located? What is that place called today? What effect did the geographic setting have on the civilization that grew there? Were they geographically isolated from other civilizations? Were they exposed to large bodies of water?

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## **Slide 3 = Political System and Impact on Society**

Government – What type of ruler ship did they have? How were they organized? What type of laws did they have? What were their courts like?

## **Slide 4 = Economic System and Impact on Society**

Economy – What role did trade and commerce have in this civilization? What were their major products for trade? How did their geography affect their trade? Was their economy based on a division of social classes?

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## **Slide 5 = Beliefs and Religious Impact on Culture**

Beliefs – What kind of religion or worship did they practice? Were they Polytheistic?  
Monotheistic?

## **Slide 6 = Rise of Civilization**

Early History - What caused this civilization to rise

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## **Slide 7 = Art and Architecture**

Art/Architecture – What role did the arts have in this civilization? What were their main forms of art? What was their architecture like? What can we learn about them from their art?

## **Slide 8 = Writing System and Written History**

Writing – What form of communication did they use? What type of writing did they have: Was it pictographic? Can we read it today? Why did it develop? Was it used by other civilizations as well?

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## **Slide 9 = Major Technological Advances**

Technology – What innovations were made in this civilization? Did they have a calendar? Did they have irrigation systems? How did they build their buildings? Roads?

## **Slide 10 = Golden Age**

Golden Age? - Did this civilization have a golden age? Was there a period in their history when they had a lot of money, power, art, trade, and food? How long did it last? Why did it end? What caused it?

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## **Slide 11 = Famous Citizens and their Achievements**

Leaders/Philosophers- Who do we remember from History? What did they do to deserve their legacy?

## **Slide 12 = Slavery**

Slavery – How was slavery a part of this civilization? Were the cities built by forced labor? Was slavery based on race? Was it permanent?

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## **Slide 13 = Fall of Civilization**

Did they conquer another civilization? Were they conquered? How many times were they conquered? Could they have stayed in power if their geographic location had been different?

## **Slide 14 = World Wide Contributions**

Contributions – What were the major contributions of this civilization to the world at their time? Are there any lasting contributions still seen today? What did they leave us?

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**Slide 15 = Sources Cited**