**Ancient Greece, Final Essay**

**Instructions**

Your task is to research, plan, and write a 5-paragraph essay about Ancient Greece. You can use one of the potential topic sentences below, or you can also create your own if you already have an idea. Just make sure your teacher approves your thesis before you get too far into the planning process

**Assessment Criteria**

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| **Self Assessment – Peer editing**  (I actively read, took an interest in, and offered meaningful feedback to at least one peer) | /5 |
| **Self Assessment – Work habits**  (I worked diligently and effectively throughout this assignment) | /5 |
| **Self Assessment – Marking Rubric\*** | /10 |
| **Teacher Assessment – Marking Rubric\*** | /10 |
| **Teacher Assessment – Planning Sheet**  (complete, high quality, sources – minimum of 3) | /5 |
| Total | /35 |
| Comments | |

\*\*Please note\*\*

When you hand in your essay, please submit the following material in the following order:

1. The marking sheet with the self assessments scores completed
2. Your planning page
3. Your essay (**double spaced – maximum is 2 pages**)
4. Your completed self assessment rubric (this will be provided for you)

**Potential Topic Sentences**

* The geography of Ancient Greece significantly impacted the development and evolution of the civilization.
* Modern western civilization, as we know it, would not have been possible without the culture developed by the Ancient Greeks.
* Alexander the Great was the greatest conqueror of all time because…
* The common story is that the Ancient Greeks overcame the ruthless and barbaric Persians time and time again, however the true story is that the Ancient Persians were in fact more advanced and sophisticated than the Greeks.
* It would be helpful to reinstate some aspects of ancient Greek society today such as …
* The Minoans / Mycenanenas / Athenians / Spartans / etc. were the most successful of the ancient Greeks because…
* The religion of ancient Greece was the most important aspect of ancient Greek society because…

**Projected Timeline**

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| Class | Activities |
| 1 | Feedback from previous essay, introduction of essay assignment criteria |
| 2 | Begin research, decide on a topic sentence/thesis |
| 3-4 | Refine/add research to your planning page and start creating rough draft |
| 5-6 | Complete rough draft and peer edit |
| 7 - 8 | Final edit, print, and submit - Assessment |
|  | **Due date: Friday, May 15** |

**Planning Page**

**Introduction Paragraph**

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| **Hook**:  **Two sentences which expand on the topic of your essay and your hook**  **Topic sentence:** |

**Body Paragraph 1**

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| Transition sentence - start with a **transition** word (First, To begin, To start, First of all):  Explain your thinking |

**Body Paragraph 2**

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| Transition sentence - start with a **supporting** word (Additionally, Moreover, Also, In addition, Next)  Explain your thinking |

**Body Paragraph 3**

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| Transition sentence - start with a **concluding** word (Lastly, Finally)  Explain your thinking |

**Conclusion Paragraph**

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| **Concluding sentence**  **Brief summary of main points**  **Final thought - leave the reader with something to think about.** |

**Sources**

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| Please list at least 3 high quality sources that you used for this assignment |