5th Grade Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ancient Civilizations

As part of your study on Ancient Civilizations, you will be required to research and present information to the class on an ancient civilization of your choice. This project will consist of two components:

* Glogster
* Oral Presentation

**Research and Preparation**: You will be given time in class to complete your research and project. Time away from school may be required to complete this assignment as well. Students will be introduced to this project on **Monday March 4th**. The students will then have class time to research their topics, gather relevant information, design and create their Glogster presentation, and organize/practice their oral presentation.

**Due date**: Project is due on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Oral presentations will occur over two or three classes, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Groups**: Students will be working with a partner. Partners must be approved by the classroom teacher. No more than 2 students may work together.

**I will be working with**:

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**Selecting a Civilization**: Once you have decided on an ancient civilization, you **MUST** get it approved by your classroom teacher before proceeding.

You may select an ancient civilization from the list below, or choose a different one. Please make sure that you have adequate information pertaining to the civilization you wish to research.

Ancient China

* Xia Dynasty
* Shang Dynasty
* Zhou (Chou) Dynasty

Mesopotamia

* Sumerians
* Hittites
* Akkadians
* Babylonians
* Assyrians
* Achaemenid (Persian Empire)

Ancient Greece

Ancient Egypt

Mayans

Other? : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Resources**: Students are encouraged to use a variety of resources available to them in order to gather data for their civilization. Please look for valuable links on the WDSD7 SEM page under Fifth Grade “Ancient Civilization” for links to civilization websites. Visit the Wood Dale Public Library in person for additional print resources and online to use their data bases.

Research websites (These are good starting resources. You will have to locate other resources both print and electronic to complete this assignment)

[www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/ancient-biblical-history](http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/ancient-biblical-history)

[www.ancient.eu.com](http://www.ancient.eu.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/)

**Research Questions/Topics**

**These are the topics/questions that you must address in your oral presentation/Glogster.**

**Use 1-2 notecards to take notes on each topic. Make sure to list the source on each card-Where you found your information name of website and its URL, book title/author…**

**Time Period**: When did your civilization emerge as a civilization? What important events happened during their time period? When did they fall? **Create a timeline using** [**www.timetoast.com**](http://www.timetoast.com)

**Geography:** Where were they located? What is the place called today? What effect did the geographic setting have on the civilization that grew there? Were they separated from other civilizations? What types of land features/water were in their location? **Create or insert a map of the land occupied by your civilization.**

**Government:** What type of ruler did they have? How were they organized? What type of laws did they have? How were major decisions made? What were the roles of men, women, and children? Did they have slaves?

**Economy**: What role did trade and commerce have in the civilization? What were their major products for trade? How did their location affect their trade?

**Religion/Beliefs**: What kind of religion or worship did they practice? Did they have any special ceremonies?

**Technology**: What are some important discoveries/innovations made by this civilization? Did they have a calendar? Did they have some type of farming systems? How did they build their buildings and roads?

**Communication**: What form of communication did they use? What type of writing did they use? Can we read it today? Was it used by others civilizations?

**Compare-Then and Now:** Choose two categories below and compare your civilization to modern times in the United States.

Buildings/homes Schools Tools Funerals

Laws Clothing Food/drink Music

**Glogster Presentation**:

You are responsible for researching the following topics and preparing a Glogster presentation containing the relevant information and interesting facts.

1. Provide all the relevant information you find during your research-we are not concerned about the length of your descriptions, we are looking for quality of the description. You do not need to WRITE out everything on your Glogster. Provide a SHORT description and then **ELABORATE** during your presentation!
2. Locate RELEVANT videos or pictures to include in your Glogster that showcase the topics that you must include.

Directions for getting into Glogster:

Log onto [www.edu.glogster.com/login](http://www.edu.glogster.com/login)

Type in your nickname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Type in your password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_