

Ancient China Unit Presentations

For this project you will show your knowledge of Ancient China by creating a Google Presentation (or any other digital slideshow). You will create a presentation about one of the nine aspects of ancient China listed below and then present it to the class with a partner. You will get to choose your partner (as long as your seats were not already separated in class), but if you are not making significant progress, you may be split up to present on your own.

This assignment is worth 70 points. Your grade will be determined by your work on the visual presentation, written content and public speaking.

You will use your textbook, and any additional appropriate web based research to provide information on one of these eight aspects of Ancient China. Additional online resources are provided on the last page. If you want to go to other sites, please check with me first.

Presentation Requirements:

- At least 13 slides
 - Minimally 1 Title slide, 8 Content slides, 2 Questions slides (one at the beginning and end), 1 conclusion slide and a Reference Cited (bibliography) slide
 - Your presentation should be at least 5 minutes and no more than 7
 - Each presentation is required to have 2 distinct resources (Book, and websites listed below)
- Each slide needs to include:
 - Title on top of each slide
 - At least 1 Illustration or image per slide
 - Bullet point text (No paragraphs) describing key information
- Question Slides:
 - You need to create 4-5 questions for the audience to answer while you are presenting. These questions needs to be covered in the presentation. Mr. Gershuny and Ms. Nichols need to approve your questions before you present.

You will choose ONE of the eight topics and cover ALL of the bullet points:

- Explain Each Aspect of the **Shang Dynasty**:
 - Government
 - Social Structure
 - Religion

- Writing
- Technology
- Art
- Explain How the **Three Chinese Philosophies** Influenced China, and What Were the Beliefs on Each One?
 - Confucianism
 - Taoism
 - Legalism
- The Impact of The **Silk Road**
 - The Western Silk Road
 - The Eastern Silk Road
 - Cultural Exchanges
- **Ancient China's Technological Advances**
 - Describe in detail at least 5 technological advances or Creations of the Ancient Chinese Civilization
 - How did these creations help China's advancement as an empire?
- The Impact of **China's Geographic Features** on the Growth of the Civilization
 - What are the different major geographic regions within China
 - How did those features create a sense of isolation and security in China?
 - Who were the bordering civilizations to China and how did they interact with China? Trade? War? etc
- **Qin Dynasty's** Impact on the Creation of China
 - What were some of the Qin dynasty's greatest achievements in just 14 years?
 - What did the Qin standardization policies change in Ancient China, and how did it bring all of China together?
 - What philosophy did the Qin use, and how did it lead to the creation of the Great Wall of China, Terracotta warriors etc.
- **Han Dynasty**
 - Why was the Han Dynasty called the "Golden Age of Ancient China"?
 - Explain what the Han Dynasty did to excel and grow in the fields of Warfare, Government Agriculture, Industry, Art, Medicine, and Science
- **The Great Wall of China**
 - Why was it built? How long did it take? How many people worked on the wall?

- Who built the wall? What was the process like?
- What are the dimensions of the wall?
- Why is it so impressive?
- **Ancient Chinese Attitude Towards to Unknown**
 - Chinese Zodiac
 - What is the origin of the zodiac?
 - How does this influence Chinese culture?
 - Do they celebrate each animal differently?
 - What does it mean if it is your animals year?
 - What are lucky numbers and unlucky numbers in Chinese culture?
 - What are lucky colors and unlucky colors in Chinese culture?
 - What is ancestor worship? How was it practiced?

Grading:

Visual Presentation and Written Content (50 points)

- Providing insightful information about your required area written in your presentation
- Historically accurate and important to explaining the information in detail
- Each slide has all of the required components
- Each partner will label and present the slides they create, so it is clear who created what part of the presentation
- Quality of research found outside of the textbook (use links above)

Public Speaking (20 points)

- Based on the ODE public speaking rubric. Categories include: Ideas and Content, Organization, Language, Delivery

Additional Online Resources:

- <http://www.socialstudiescms.com/ancient-china>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_ancient_China
- Ancient History Encyclopaedia (www.ancient.eu)
- <https://www.history.com/tag/china>
- China Highlights (<http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/culture/>)
- The BBC - search Ancient China (bbc.co.uk)