

## Was Ancient Sumer A CIVILIZATION?

**DIRECTIONS:** This year we have been working on making academic **Claims** that are backed with specific **Evidence**. For this assignment we are going to look at Sumer in Mesopotamia, and prove that it is a civilization.

You will make a formal claim for Sumer being a Civilization, and back it with specific evidence. Don't just write the evidence, explain the connection. As always please use complete sentences. We will be using the textbook chapter 5 as the basis of the essay, with the movie as an opportunity for additional facts.

In this assignment you will need to give credit for where you found it. Follow a series of new facts by writing in parenthesis where you found it at the end of each piece of evidence you use. Write the page number you found the information, or write movie. For example for the Textbook write (page 45) or for the movie, (Movie)

This form is a place to gather your evidence, and lay out your essay's structure. This is your ticket to receive a computer to type. When done with this graphic organizer worksheet, type your CLAIM and relevant EVIDENCE into a formal multiple paragraph final draft. When complete staple it to this sheet, and turn both into me.

Civilizations have:

A Stable Food Supply

A Social Structure

A System of Government

A Religious System

Art  
Technology  
Writing

Overall CLAIM
Evidence 1 (Food)
Evidence 2 (Social Structure)

Evidence 3 (Government)

Evidence 4 (Religion)

Evidence 5 (Art)

Evidence 6 (Technology)

Evidence 7 (Writing)

Formal Conclusion (Wrap it all up by restating your claim, and how you have now proved it)