

Major Civilizations and Ancient Empires Mapping Activity

Mapping

1. To the best of your ability, draw a map of the world using the entire piece of paper.
2. Identify and locate and **label** the following ancient civilizations:
 - Indus River Valley
 - Ancient Egypt
 - Ancient Mesopotamia
 - Mayan
 - Aztec
 - Incan
3. Those civilizations that were based upon a river(s), be sure to **draw and label the river(s)** that the civilization relied upon.
4. Use **diagonal lines** on the map to show the territory that these civilizations once controlled.
5. Identify, locate, **label and color** the following **ancient empires**:
 - Roman Empire
 - Gupta Empire
 - Qin Dynasty
 - Greek Empire
 - Han Empire
6. **Label the Equator and Prime Meridian** on your map.
7. **Locate and label the continents and oceans.**
8. Include a **map key** in the lower left hand corner of your map. The key should include all colors and symbols that were used on your map. Also, be sure to include a labeled compass within your key.
9. Include a **title** at the top of our map.

On the back of your map

1. **Paragraph 1:** Write a short paragraph, using complete sentences, telling the difference between a civilization and an empire. Be sure to tell what the necessary "ingredients" are of an empire.
2. **Paragraph 2:** Select one of the civilizations that you placed on the map and write a summary about that civilization. Be sure to answer the following questions in your summary:
 - Who were these people? (Name the civilization)
 - Where did this civilization exist? (Hemisphere, continent and current country or countries)
 - What was this civilization known for doing/producing/having?
 - When did this civilization exist?
3. **Paragraph 3:** Select one of the empires that you placed on the map and write a summary about that empire. Be sure to answer the following questions in your summary:
 - Who were these people? (Name the empire)
 - Where did this empire exist? (Hemisphere, continent and current country or countries)
 - What was this empire known for doing/producing/having?
 - When did this empire exist?
4. **Paragraph 4:** Write a short paragraph, using complete sentences, telling why civilizations and empires fall. Be sure that you explain the reasons and do not just list the reasons.

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Mapping

Include a **title** on the top of your map

_____ **1 points**

Identified and located and labeled the following ancient civilizations correctly:

- Indus River Valley
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient Mesopotamia
- Mayan
- Aztec
- Incan

_____ **6 points**

Drew and labeled the river(s) that the civilization relied upon.

- Indus River
- Nile River
- Tigris River
- Euphrates River

_____ **4 points**

Use diagonal lines on the map to show the territory that these civilizations once controlled.

_____ **1 points**

Identified, located, labeled and colored the following ancient empires:

- Roman Empire
- Gupta Empire
- Qin Dynasty
- Greek Empire
- Han Empire

_____ **5 points**

Labeled the **Equator** and **Prime Meridian** on your map.

_____ **2 points**

Locate and **label** the **continents** and **oceans**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> North America | <input type="checkbox"/> Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South America | <input type="checkbox"/> Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antarctica | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Ocean | |

_____ **11 points**

Included a **map key** in the lower left hand corner of your map. The key includes all **colors** and **symbols** that were used on your map. A **labeled compass** is also within your key.

_____ **4 points**

Writing

Paragraph 1:

- Used complete sentences
- Told the difference between a civilizations and empires
- Included the necessary “ingredients” of an empire

_____ **3 points**

Paragraph 2: The Civilization summary answered the following questions:

- Who were these people? (Name the civilization)
- Where did this civilization exist? (Hemisphere, continent and current country or countries)
- What was this civilization known for doing/producing/having?
- When did this civilization exist?
- Used complete sentences

_____ **5 points**

Paragraph 3: The Empire summary answered the following questions:

- Who were these people? (Name the empire)
- Where did this empire exist? (Hemisphere, continent and current country or countries)
- What was this empire known for doing/producing/having?
- When did this empire exist?
- Used complete sentences

_____ **5 points**

Paragraph 4:

- Used complete sentences
- Told why civilizations and empires fall
- Explained the reasons with detail

_____ **3 points**

_____ **50 Total Points**