

Create Your Own Empire Project

Using the lessons that we have learned throughout the year about the successes and failures of ancient kingdoms/empires, your group will create an empire following the criteria below. Once you have decided on all aspects of your empire you will then

- A. Describe your empire,**
- B. Present your empire,**
- C. Advertise your empire.**

Part A: Describe your empire. (60 points total)

Each paragraph should answer all the questions below in detailed, complete sentences. Each member of your group should write at least 1 paragraph. Please make sure that paragraphs are labeled with the key aspect heading & author's name.

1st Paragraph: Basic Features. This section should answer:

1. What is the name of your empire?
2. If you were to describe your empire to the world, what would you say?
3. Which features of the land make your culture easy to attack?
4. What defenses does the land provide naturally?
5. How will you defend your empire outside of natural barriers, and how will you build up those defenses?

2nd Paragraph: Government. This section should answer:

1. What form of government does your culture have? (must be of ancient origins)
2. How are the leaders selected?
3. What are the titles of those in power? (e.g., emperor, king, ruler, all mighty one)
4. What are the responsibilities of those in power?
5. What major laws have been made (at least two) and what punishments exist for law breakers?

3rd Paragraph: Cultural Influence. This section should answer:

1. What language(s) is/are spoken?
2. What God/god(s) is/are worshipped by the people in this empire?
3. Is your empire tolerant of other religious practices? If not, what are the consequences of heresy?
4. What are the most important teachings, rules, or ideas that your empire's religion teaches?
5. Describe the most important cultural celebrations in your empire (at least two). Tell what they are and how people celebrate them.

4th Paragraph: Commerce. This section should answer:

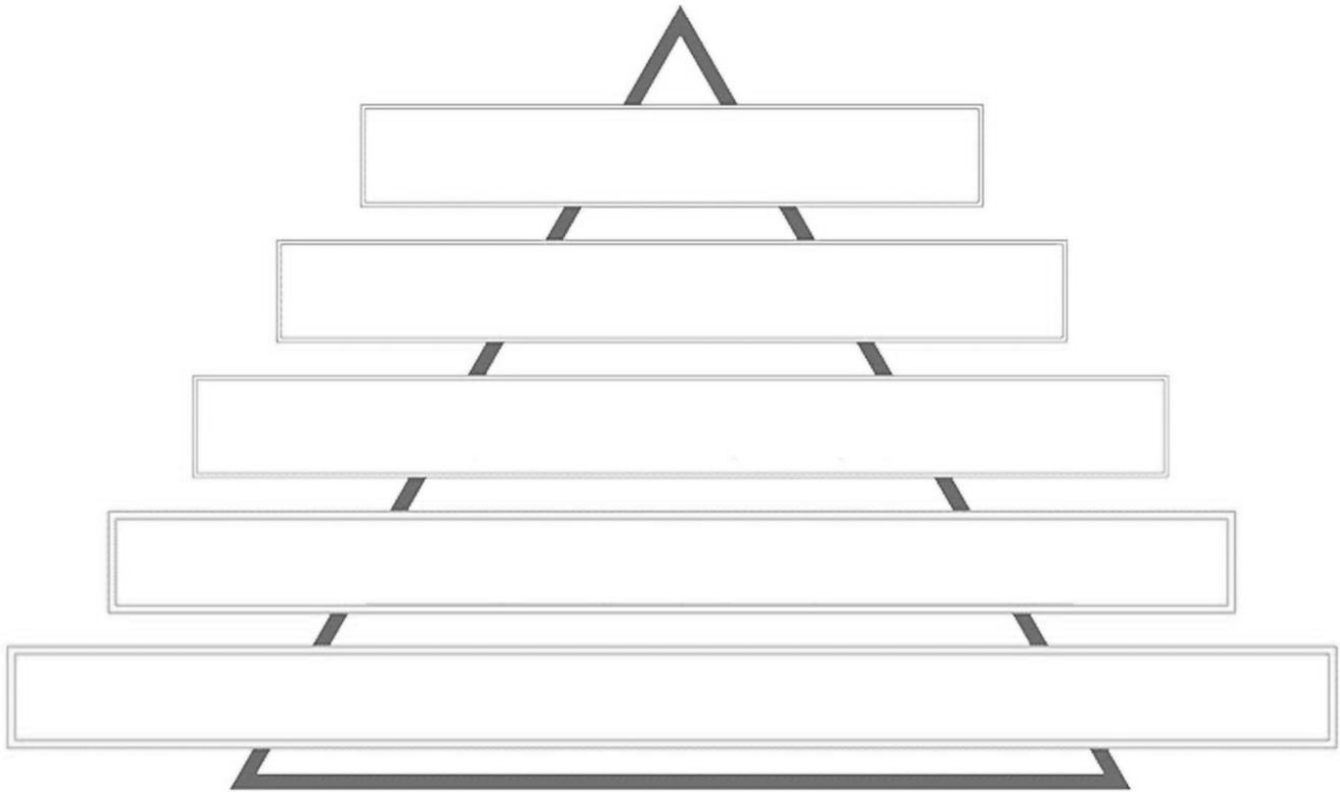
1. What natural resources will your economy have available for wealth-building?
2. What major goods does your empire create/grow for consumption and/or trade?
3. What will your empire need to import in order to survive/thrive?
4. Who will be your empire's major trading partners and describe the relationship with their trade "allies"?

Social Class: (10 points)

Create a pyramid that shows the class divisions in your society. Label the levels of the pyramid with:

1. Name of Each Social Class
2. Percentage of people in each class
3. Jobs/positions usually held by people in this class
4. Average income of each class

Example pyramid structure below, but can have as few as 3 levels depending on what your group decides. Completed pyramid should be printed on its own sheet of paper, stapled to the back of your paragraphs.



Part B. Present your empire. (30 points)

Group members will assemble a PowerPoint presentation to educate their fellow students on key aspects of the empire. The presentation is open to creative interpretation but must incorporate the 5 key aspects of your empire: basic features, government, cultural influence, commerce, and social structure. The PowerPoint will be presented in class, the presentation should be 6-8 minutes in length, and all group members will be required to speak. Students should be prepared to answer questions for clarification at the end.

Part C. Advertise your empire (20 points)

Group members should create a 90-second video advertisement to play at the end of their presentation (video does not count toward presentation time minimum of 6 minutes). The advertisement should appeal to your classmates in order to entice them to immigrate to your group's empire.