

UNIT TWO: COMPARING THE CULTURE OF CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

Art History of the Classical Era

As you complete your research, you will gain important insight into the political, social, and cultural characteristics of each region. As always, it is important that you do your own work. Students that turn in copied or plagiarized work will not earn the extra credit.

Instructions:

Use the website below to complete the charts.

For this activity, students need to use a computer to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History. The website is www.metmuseum.org/toah/

- ✚ Step 1: Go to "Chronology"
- ✚ Step 2: Select a time period
 - We are using 1000 BCE – 1 AD and 1 AD – 500 AD for this assignment
 - Please focus your research between 600 BCE and 600 CE, which sometimes means you'll be switching back and forth between these two time periods
 - Make sure that you check the dates that are listed under each society, and choose the corresponding dates on time period. This can get confusing, so try to problem-solve on your own or with a peer before you email me about it.
- ✚ Step 3: Select the region
- ✚ Step 4: Fill in the charts as you go.

*If you get lost, use the handy search bar!

There are **10 total civilizations** to look at. You must choose at least **six** of them. Any extra work you do is extra credit 😊

REGION: EUROPE/MEDITERRANEAN

	Check for Understanding: Summarize 2 key points from the overview	Analyze: Choose ONE artifact, and describe and explain what it tells about the society	Synthesize: Summarize two PIECES themes from the region and time (this can be based on what you learned in class, not only the website)
Ancient Greece 700BCE - 31BCE			
Roman Republic (From "Italian Peninsula," Click on the link that says <i>Roman Republic</i>) 509BCE - 27BCE			
Roman Empire (It's "Italian Peninsula," from 1-500CE) 27BCE - 393CE			

REGION: EAST ASIA

	Check for Understanding: Summarize 2 key points from the overview	Analyze: Choose ONE artifact, and describe and explain what it tells about the society	Synthesize: Summarize two PIECES themes from the region and time (this can be based on what you learned in class, not only the website)
Qin Dynasty (From China, 1000BCE-1AD, follow the link that says "Qin") 221-206 BCE		<i>*you will need to use a different site, but research Shi Huangdi's Terracotta Army*</i>	
Han Dynasty (From China, 1000BCE-1AD, follow the link that says "Han") 206 BCE - 220 CE			

REGION: THE AMERICAS

	Check for Understanding: Summarize 2 key points from the overview	Analyze: Choose ONE artifact, and describe and explain what it tells about the society	Synthesize: Summarize two SPICE themes from the region and time (this can be based on what you learned in class, not only the website)
<p>Maya</p> <p>(search "Maya" in the search bar and go from there – make sure you select 1-500AD)</p> <p>200 BCE – 600 CE</p>			

REGION: SOUTH ASIA

	Check for Understanding: Summarize 2 key points from the overview	Analyze: Choose ONE artifact, and describe and explain what it tells about the society	Synthesize: Summarize two PIECES themes from the region and time (this can be based on what you learned in class, not only the website)
<p>Mauryan Empire</p> <p>(From South Asia, 1000BCE-1AD)</p> <p>323-125 BCE</p>		*	
<p>Gupta Empire</p> <p>(From South Asia, 1-500 AD)</p> <p>321-500 CE</p>			

REGION: SOUTHWEST ASIA

	Check for Understanding: Summarize 2 key points from the overview	Analyze: Choose ONE artifact, and describe and explain what it tells about the society	Synthesize: Summarize two PIECES themes from the region and time
Persia (aka, the Achaeminid Empire) (From "Iran, 1000-500BCE," click on link that says <i>Persian Empire</i>) 539-331 BCE			
Hellenistic Synthesis under Alexander the Great (From "Iran, 1000-500BCE," click on link that says <i>Alexander the Great</i>) 336-323 BCE			