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Early American Civilizations Project
Period: _____ Assign.# _____

Early American Civilizations Website Project

TASK: You will create a website that features one of the ancient American civilizations.

CHOICES: Maya, Aztec, Inca

CONTENTS: On your website you will feature the following 5 pages + Pictures & Visuals:

Location Page:

1. Put your names on the top of this page.
2. Include a paragraph telling where your culture lived.
3. A map of the area as well as a paragraph telling why that culture lived there.
4. You should also include when the civilization lived at their location.

Food and Farming Page:

1. Tell about farming practices and what people ate.
2. Be sure to explain adaptations they made to the environment.

Government & Daily Life Page:

1. How was this culture organized?
2. What jobs did people have?
3. What were relationships to neighbors in warfare, tribute and trade networks?
4. What are noteworthy achievements and contributions of their civilization?

Religion Page:

1. Tell about the religion that your culture followed.
2. Be specific and showcase some of their gods.
3. What was the role of nature and traditional religious beliefs?
4. What was the relationship of religious beliefs and political power?

What Happened? Page:

1. Tell about how your culture ended.
2. Use dates, details and events as your evidence.

Textbook Pages to provide informational assistance:

- Maya Civilization pages 395-399
- Aztec Civilization pages 400-406
- Inca Civilization pages 407-411

You will be graded according to the website's appeal and creativity with pictures. Be sure to check your grammar and spelling. There will also be a presentation component in which you show off your website to class mates. A rubric will be used in grading all components of the project!

Criteria	5 WOW!	4 Very Good!	3 Good!	2 Needs Work	1 Disappointing
Number of Pages in the Project	All 5 Pages of information in project.	4 Pages of information in project.	3 Pages of information in project.	2 Pages of information in project only.	1 Page of information completed.
Information contained within each page	ALL pages contain the required information as directed for that page.	Most of the pages contain the required information as directed for each page, with one or two missing components.	Pages appear to be somewhat thrown together, missing LESS than half of their required information as directed.	Pages are very sloppy, MORE than half of the required information is not included, as directed.	Pages are in a complete shambles. MOST of the required information is vague, incomplete, or completely missing.
Accuracy of information	All information contained within the pages is accurate, with outstanding detail.	Most of the information is accurate, but lacks depth or a few pieces of information is missing or inaccurate.	70% of the information is accurate, while other components are missing or inaccurate, and/or too general.	50% of the information is accurate, while the other information is missing or inaccurate.	Less than 50% of the information is accurate or included within the presentation.
Visual Appeal and Creativity	The website is eye appealing and creative with many pictures/visuals. Very minor to no spelling and/or grammar errors.	The website is eye appealing, but lacks some creativity. Some pictures/visuals. Few spelling and/or grammar errors.	The website is not very stimulating, nor is it very creative. Limited pictures or visuals. Some spelling and/or grammar errors.	The presentation is eye appealing or creative but not both. Few pictures or visuals. Numerous spelling and/or grammar errors.	Although you attempted to complete the project, it is not visually appealing or creative. No pictures or visuals. Numerous spelling and/or grammar errors.
End of Project Partner Evaluation	According to my partner, I was a team player and did my share of the research.	According to my partner, I tried really hard, but sick days, band lessons, and vacations made me miss a day of school when I could have worked on the project.	According to my partner I was in school and tried to help, but forgot research at home, or just could not stay focused during the project.	According to my partner I may have spent one class day working hard on this project and did little if any work outside of class. Or wasted my class time on other things.	My partner does not remember what I look like. I tried to put together my own project while I was out, but was not a team player OR failure to attend school the day of the presentation.