



Project Overview

All students will be able to clearly explain how:

- Ancient cultures depended on each other (interdependence)
- How different ancient cultures gained ideas and innovations from each other (interrelationships)
- How modern cultures learned from ancient cultures (interrelationships).

The students will demonstrate their learning by:

- Researching one of the eight essential questions and present their understandings.
- The students may pick any culture from the 5th grade POS or a culture of interest to demonstrate their knowledge.

Students will use technology throughout the project by:

- Using software-based organizational tools to capture, organize and analyze information.
- Using internet based resources to find information.
- Use technology-based presentation tools to prepare a final presentation.

Patterns of Thinking Questions:

- After completing the research, the students will be able to answer the 3 guiding research questions to draw conclusions about the interdependence/interrelationships of countries and cultures around the world.
- Using the culture(s) the student studied, have them appropriately fill in the blank.

1. How is _____ similar to/different from _____?
2. How were _____ and _____ related?
3. How does _____ influence _____/modern culture?

8 Essential Global Awareness Questions

Question #1- How has one culture's relationship to the world changed over time? (Interrelationships)

Project example: Religion in India. Buddha was born in India, yet India is now predominately Hindu and Muslim. How/why has religion changed over time in India.

Guiding Questions with example:

- 1) How is Buddhism in India today similar/different than Emperor Asoka's lifetime?
- 2) How were (are) Buddhism and Hinduism related? How were (are) Buddhism and Islam related?
- 3) How does Buddhism influence culture today in India? How does Hinduism influence culture today in India? How does Islam influence culture today in India?

Question #2- What impact does geography have on a culture?

(Interdependence or Interrelationships)

Project example: The geography of Greece played a large role in the effect of Greece's culture because the Romans were able to take over Greece. Much of Roman culture came from what the Greek's had already established. (Interrelationships)

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- 2)
- 3)

Question #3- What can you learn about cultures based on their art? *(Alternate Version: How has one culture's art forms changed over time, how has the present art form been impacted by the ancient art form?)*

Project Example: The Romans used a lot of arches and domes and in American architecture a lot of arches and domes are used. Compare and contrast the Roman and American architecture. (Interdependence)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Question #4- How do leaders of yesterday and today compare? *(Alternate Version: How does the leadership impact the culture's relationship with the world?)*

Project Example: Compare a founding father to a leader from Greece or Rome. Show how the founding fathers looked to the ancient Greeks and Romans for ideas and wisdom in leading our new nation. (Interdependence)

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- 2)
- 3)

Question #5- How have cultures benefited as a result of interdependence?

Project Example: Examine different foods eaten by Americans. How many of those foods are grown locally? How would we eat those foods without relying on trade with other countries?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Question #6- How have governments changed over time? *(Alternate Versions: Why do cultures create governments? How does the government of a culture impact the relationship with the rest of the world?)*

Project Examples: Compare the Qin dynasty to the communist government. Explain how trade under the Han dynasty (the Silk Road) helped shape the civilization.

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Question #7- How does "literature" demonstrate the similarities and differences of cultures? *(Alternate version: What conclusions can you draw about cultures based on their literature?)*

Project Example: Compare "creation myths" what does each myth teach you about the culture? How are the myths similar or different?

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Question #8- How have mathematics and/or science achievements of classical cultures affected your life today?

Project Example: The aqueduct was created in Rome. Modern day plumbing is a result of the Roman's creating aqueducts, what would your life be like without plumbing? Explain the evolution of aqueducts to today's plumbing. (Interdependence)

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