Civilization Shark Tank

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***Driving Question:***How do civilizations create order, prosperity, and sustainability?

**Main Goal:**  You and your partner(s) will design a new sustainable civilization idea/concept that you will present to a “shark” (an investor).  You are trying to get this “shark” to invest their tokens into your civilization. Sharks will invest based on the quality of your proposal and your pitch. The following are elements you need to include in your civilization shark tank project:

**Part 1 - Written Proposal:** You will need to draft a written proposal for your sustainable civilization that responds/answers all of the following bulleted items. The focus for your proposal is to provide details as to how your civilization embodies all 7 of the features of civilization. In addition, your proposal should emphasize how and why your civilization will be sustainable for future generations. Your written proposal should be formatted in complete sentences and paragraphs and should not have grammatical or spelling errors. Keep in mind that as a proposal it should be researched and realistic, but also written in a way that is *persuasive*. You want the sharks to believe in your civilization!

* Name of civilization
* What type of government will you use to run your civilization and why did you decide to adopt it?
* Geographic location and name of capital (proximity to water, food, defensive borders, neighbors)
* Design a model of your social hierarchy
* Explanation of the role of religion in the society (Is it an existing religion? New religion? What purpose does it serve in maintaining the established hierarchy/order?)
* Specialization (What do people do for a living? How does what people do create interdependence and competition within your civilization?)
* Art and Architecture (What do people do for leisure?) What is the role of self-expression? Provide an example of art/architecture in your society?
* Public works (What services and infrastructure does your government provide for your people--health care, bath's, sewage, aqueducts, roads, postal service, etc.)
* Identify one civilization from unit one (Egypt, China, Mesopotamia, Indus River), diagnose its problems using historical data (primary/secondary), and explain why it eventually collapsed.
* What will make your civilization *more* sustainable than those we study in unit one?

**Part 2 - The Pitch:** On the final day of unit 1, you will deliver a pitch to the panel of sharks. You will have 5 minutes to present your pitch and try to convince the sharks to invest in your civilization. After you pitch your civilization, there will be a 5 minute question period when the shark panel can ask you and your partner(s) questions about your civilization. Your pitch should be similar in style to those from the television show *Shark Tank* - think creative, engaging, persuasive, and memorable! The design and supporting materials utilized within your pitch is chosen by you and your partners and can include any or a combination of visuals, Models, Handouts, Videos, etc. Keep in mind that the objective of the pitch is to try and sell your proposed civilization and get the shark panel to invest in it. The members of the shark panel will be giving tokens to the civilization that has the strongest presentation based on their scoring rubric. The shark panel who will watch and evaluate your pitch will be comprised of peers and other members of the school community.

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