

Trifold Instructions

You will create a Trifold that answers the following Focus Question: Why should ancient Sumer be classified as a civilization?

Cover Page Instructions:

- Create a title for your Trifold. Your title should relate to the Focus Question.
- Create an illustration that relates to one of the reasons why ancient Sumer should be classified as a civilization **[See Illustration Instructions below]**
- Write your first and last name in the lower right hand corner.

Writing Instructions:

- You will choose three of the four topics below to write about. Each topic represents one panel of your trifold. Write the name of each topic that you will write about on the top of each panel. Be sure to carefully follow the instructions for each topic:
 - Topic #1: Religion (Be sure to include the following):
 - Begin by writing a topic sentence that relates to the focus question. In this panel, you are trying to prove that Sumer was a civilization because it had a religion that most people followed. Your topic sentence should be reflective of this.
 - After writing your topic sentence, you need to include information about the religion practiced in Sumer. Please include the following information in your paragraph:
 - Identify the type of religion Sumerians practiced
 - Explain how Sumerians expressed their religious beliefs (to do this you need to identify what a ziggurat was and provide as much detail about ziggurats as you can)
 - Topic #2: Arts
 - Begin by writing a topic sentence that relates to the focus question. In this panel, you are trying to prove that Sumer was a civilization because the people created art. Your topic sentence should be reflective of this.
 - Provide examples of visual arts created by Sumerians
 - Give as much detail as possible about Sumerian music (include instruments played, explain what a lyre is, identify events or circumstances when the Sumerians played music)

- Topic #3: Technology
 - Begin by writing a topic sentence that relates to the focus question. In this panel, you are trying to prove that Sumer was a civilization because the people made advances in technology. Your topic sentence should be reflective of this.
 - Identify three Sumerian inventions (this can be from Section 2 and Section 7 of your notes).
 - Of the three inventions you identified, explain which invention you think was the most important
 - Include two ways in which Sumerians benefitted the invention you identified as the most important

- Topic #4: Written Language
 - Begin by writing a topic sentence that relates to the focus question. In this panel, you are trying to prove that Sumer was a civilization because the people created a written language. Your topic sentence should be reflective of this.
 - Include as much detail as possible about the Sumer's written language (be sure to include the following terms: cuneiform, scribe, stylus, and clay tablets)
 - What was the earliest use of their written language?

Illustration Directions:

- Your cover page illustration should be based upon the topic (religion, arts, technology, or written language) that you wrote about in your first panel. This should be in color and should include a caption.
- On the back of your second panel, create an illustration that represents the second topic that you wrote about. This should be in color and should include a caption.
- On the back of your third panel, create an illustration that represents the third topic that you wrote about. This should be in color and should include a caption.