

NEOPOLIS PROJECT –700 BCE

1) **Constitution** (Paragraph form - Google Docs, min. 200 words, 35 points)

You need to create a Constitution to govern your city-state. Use information from the societies we have studied to select the system you will have in power. Some examples would be **Democracy** (*Athens* - people vote for leaders), **Military Dictatorship** (*China* - the ruler came to power through military takeover), **Monarchy** (*Egypt* - hereditary power - usually ruled by a king/queen), or **Oligarchy** (*Sparta* - several kings or leaders). Your Constitution can also be completely of your own design, as long as you still follow all directions. You also need to create titles and job descriptions for 5 members of your city-state. For example, the Spartans had **Assembly** men who passed laws and decided questions of war and peace, **Ephors** who took charge of public affairs and the education of young Spartans, and a **Council of Elders** who suggested laws to the assembly and served as a high court. Athens had **Magistrates**, who were judges, and a **Council of Five Hundred** which handled the daily business of the city. Explain the government of your city-state **in detail**. Be sure to include all of the following information in your Constitution:

1. What type of government you selected and why you chose it. How does your government operate on a daily basis? Is it overly controlling or relatively free?
2. The **titles** and specific **duties** for **5** members in your government.
3. **5 laws and 5 individual consequences**.
4. Who enforces your laws? Do you have trials?
5. How do your citizens participate in government? Do your citizens vote? Why, or why not? How? Who can vote?

2) **Festival, Myth, or Ritual** (Paragraph form - Google Docs, min. 250 words, 35 points)

1. Create a festival honoring an important event in your city-state's history. This could be the founding, a legendary battle, or some other central event of your city.
-or-
2. Create an initiation or rite of passage ritual your people go through to become a citizen or adult in your city-state.
-or-
3. Create a myth that explains the founding of your city-state. Example: Rome

You may also combine any of the above choices. Make sure you include **detailed** rites, ceremonies, initiations, and any other activities that are part of your chosen event. How often is the event held? When and why was it created? Who created it? Who participates?

- ✓ **Both the Constitution and the Festival need to be in the same Google document! Share with your group and leaf.jensen@district6.org. Make sure you choose "Can Edit" when sharing with me. Format title of document: **Per#, City-State Name****

3) **Alphabet & Numbers** (8½" x 11" paper, 20 points)

Create an alphabet of 26 symbols and a number system (0-9) that correspond to ours. Your symbols must not resemble our alphabet or numbers. You do not need to color the alphabet or numbers. **Fill the page.**

4) **Money** (COLOR - 8½"x11" paper, 20 points)

Create (draw and name) the type of money your city-state will use for trade and commerce. You need to draw **5** different **detailed** coins and/or bills. Include pictures of people or objects from your city-state on your money, and be sure to use your alphabet and numbers on the coins/bills. Draw the coins/bills large enough to **fill the page.**

5) **Flag** (COLOR - 11"x17" paper, 30 points)

Create a flag for your city-state. Make it **relevant** to your city-state, not just geometric patterns. Include **three** symbols or pictures of objects from your city-state. The paper is the flag. If you have letters or numbers on your flag, be sure to use your city's alphabet and numbers. Make it **full color** with very little, if any, white.

6) **Choose one option** (COLOR - 11"x17" paper, 30 points) - **Fill the page.**

1) **Weapons/Armor** - **10** weapons, or 5 weapons and a suit of armor for your soldiers.

- or -

2) **Clothing** - Draw and label the clothing for **5** different members of your city-state.

7) **8th Wonder of the World** (COLOR - 11"x17" paper, 30 points)

Create a man-made "8th Wonder of the World" in your city-state. Think along the lines of the Great Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, or the terra-cotta soldiers of Chin. Include a detailed *in situ* (in place, background) drawing of your creation, including people for scale. You also need to write a short paragraph explaining **when** your Wonder was built, **why** it was built, **who** built it, **how big** it is, and **why** people would travel to see it. **Fill the page.**

8) **Neopolis Map** (COLOR and LABEL - 18"x24", 50 points)

Include all buildings, structures, and roads within the walls of your city-state. This birds-eye view needs to fill the **entire** page. Keep in mind that many ancient city-states had a central "town square" or temple which the rest of the city-state was designed around. In addition to your personal choice of buildings or other structures, you **must** include **all** of the following on your city-state map:

- ◇ **Courtyards, gardens, and parks**
- ◇ **Wells or water source**
- ◇ **Storage facilities - Armory** (for weapons) and **Granary** (for food)
- ◇ **Temples and shrines**
- ◇ **Various houses for the inhabitants of your city-state**
- ◇ **Government buildings** - palace, political offices, jail, etc.
- ◇ **Library**
- ◇ **School**
- ◇ **Theater**
- ◇ **Gymnasium or stadium**
- ◇ **Wonder of the World**
- ◇ **Agora** (marketplace)