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| **Develop an introduction (Your Civilization and Its Innovation)** – *define the most innovative/technologically savvy ancient culture*  |
| Innovation in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * was once
* began as
* started with
 | Innovation in Greece began as the small farming villages grew and developed governments, eventually inventing the “polis” or city-state. With time, their technology evolved. They spread out and developed new ideals and customs. One of these was democracy, arguably the most important invention ever made by an ancient civilization. For some, it meant a dawn of infinite possibilities. For others, it meant giving their power, and this was not taken well. According to the official staff of history.com, “Cleisthenes’ demokratia (or democracy) abolished the political distinction between the Athenian aristocrats….and the middle and working class….” |
| With time, / Eventually, their technology | * evolved
* changed
* grew into
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| For some, it | * meant
* promised
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| For others, it |
| According to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, " the innovation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." |

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| **Present your position** – *state your thesis*  |
| I believe /think that \_\_\_ I believe that the invention of democracy, among other things, identifies Greece as the most influential ancient civilization we studied. * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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| **Build your position** – *develop your ideas (still your civilization and your innovation)* |
| This civilization | * sought
* believed
* hoped
 | In Greece, Inventors and philosophers constantly sought after new achievements in their profession. Although they were never the largest civilization, I am confident Greece was the most influential of all. |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ held the viewthat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was | * essential
* necessary
* critical
 | to achieve / attain | They held the view that it was critical to attain the knowledge they hunted. Due to these efforts, they created principles of science, which we still follow today. |
| Despite / although \_\_\_\_\_, I | * am convinced / confident that
 | Although they were never the largest civilization, I am confident Greece was the most influential of all. |

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| **Reinforce your position** – *include textual evidence*  **Civilization Two – Counterargument One** |
| The innovation by (another culture) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The innovations by the Maya are advanced, but they do not approach that of Greece.   |
| In the article "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * demonstrates the
* exhibits the
* displays the
 | * qualities of
* characteristics of
* traits of
 | In the article “Maya-rise and fall” by Guy Gugliotta, the author displays the characteristics of the Maya.  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * overcame \_\_\_\_\_
* sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_\_
 | * to achieve
* to attain
* to acquire
 | It enlightens the reader as to how the Maya overcame many things to become great, such as being forced to settle and farm the jungle. However, it also states that there is evidence that continued mistreatment of their environment contributed to their downfall. |
| The author states / claims / mentions (that) "\_ The author mentions that “Some believe that by the ninth century the Maya had exhausted their environment around them to the point that it could no longer support a large population.” Eventually they overexpended themselves in war, and were not prepared for a drought, so they abandoned their cities.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." |

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| **Build your position** – *develop your ideas* **Civilization Three – Counterargument Two** |
| This civilization | * sought
* believed
* hoped
 | Some readers may challenge the view that Egypt, with all its enduring might, did not measure up to Greece..  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ held the viewthat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was | * essential
* necessary
* critical
 | to achieve / attain | The Egyptians held the view that progress revolved around the pharaohs. Burying a noble and, especially, a pharaoh was essential to attain a permanent place in the afterlife. |
| Despite / although \_\_\_\_\_, I | * am convinced / confident that they are not the most advanced because
 | I am not convinced that the creation of pyramids puts them on the same level as the Greeks. |

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| **Reinforce your position** – *include textual evidence* |
| The innovation by (civ two) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The innovation of the pyramids is astounding, but it fails to see the rest of the Egyptian culture. A culture consumed with building burial houses for the upper class. Democracy far outweighs this despotic culture.  |
| In the article "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * demonstrates the
* exhibits the
* displays the
 | * qualities of
* characteristics of
* traits of
 | To be fair “Ancient Egypt,” an article by the staff of history.com, argues against this claim, calling them the preeminent ancient civilization. |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * overcame \_\_\_\_\_
* sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_\_
 | * to achieve
* to attain
* to acquire
 | Of course, this perspective overlooks what the Egyptians really changed. They were never really geared towards new ideas, just continuing tradition. They had hieroglyphics, were brilliant stone workers, and had a loophole where a woman could rule. However, while they may a have been second in architecture, the Greeks far surpassed them in many, many other ways: such as the construction of the Parthenon, the invention of the Olympics, and the creation of America’s form of government: democracy. |
| The author states / claims / mentions (that) "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." |

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| **Build your position** – *develop your ideas* **Civilization Three – Counterargument Three** |
| This civilization | * sought
* believed
* hoped
 | The Inca may have invented erosion-resistant cities, but they could never have imagined what the Greeks made a reality..  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ held the viewthat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was | * essential
* necessary
* critical
 | to achieve / attain | Because of military conquest, they learned large-scale subject management. |
| Despite / although \_\_\_\_\_, I | * am convinced / confident that
 | However, they lacked a written language or a currency, both of which are very important things.  |

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| **Reinforce your position** – *include textual evidence* |
| The innovation by (another culture) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   |
| In the article "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * demonstrates the
* exhibits the
* displays the
 | * qualities of
* characteristics of
* traits of
 | They expanded very quickly and had many advanced environment-resistant things like suspension bridges. However, Greece, according to History.com, had long since moved out of the “besting the environment” age and right into the “ advanced science and mathematics” age.  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * overcame \_\_\_\_\_
* sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_\_
 | * to achieve
* to attain
* to acquire
 | While the Incans were digging holes, the Greeks were inventing geometry. |
| The author states / claims / mentions (that) "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." |

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| **Acknowledge other points of view** – *reference other sources, new culture argued Extemporaneous Section (fill-in during discussion)* |
| Some of my peers may challenge the view that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| In the article "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * takes issue with
* argues against
* objects to
 | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| * Indeed, this
* Of course, this
 | * perspective
* position
* point of view
 | * fails to
* omits
* overlooks
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| **Return to and expand your position** – *include more data* **Civilization One** |
| The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may have invented \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.It is apparent to me that despite the wonders of the Maya, Egyptians, and Incas, the Greeks still reign supreme.  | * struggled because
* do not match up because
* are not on the same level because
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| * Because of \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* As a result of \_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
 | * were (un)able to
* accomplished little in comparison to…
* succeeded in
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| **Develop a closing** – *reflect and restate* ***Civilization One*** |
| * I remain convinced that
* I still believe that
* It is apparent to me that
 | I base my belief on a multitude of sources.  |
| * I believe this because
* I base my belief on
* I discovered this when
* I learned this from
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| * Although others may argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_,
* Despite opinions to the contrary,
 | the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the most innovative due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.Although other cultures built masterpieces of stone, had advanced farming methods, and triumphed over the environment, civilizations fall. Buildings crumble, and art fades. But do you know what endures and continues to be useful as long as there are civilizations? Principles of science, and that is what the Greeks did. Despite opinions to the contrary, the Greeks are the most innovative because their advancements are still useful today as the day when they were invented.  |
| In the words of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." In the words of greeka.com, “Greece is a country with a rich history…. and many famous personalities.” These “personalities” are revolutionary figures like Aristotle who we are still in awe of today. Much like modern civilizations, this culture largely valued intelligence over strength.  |
| * Much like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, this culture
* Similar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she / he
 | * overcame
* sacrificed
* committed to
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| By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she / he accomplished \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By inventing democracy, the invented the mold for equality, and a better future for the human race. |