

Mr. Mitchell's Composition Notebook Table of Contents:

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9/1/10 – Choose a quote from Confucius and describe what it means to you.

9/3/10 – Chapter 5 on China Review and Activities (Used as bonus on test if completed)

9/8/10 – Notes on the video “Korea War in Color”

9/27/10 – Prompt: Where do you stand on the North/South Korean conflict? Whose right and whose wrong? Why?

9/29/10 – Prompt: If you were President of the United States, what would your foreign policy be in dealing with North and South Korea?

10/8/10 – Notes on the video “Engineering an Empire: Greece”

10/15/10 – Prompt: How did the geography of Greece effect the formation of Greek culture or way of life? (Provide examples of the blending and separation of culture within and around Greece)

10/19/10 – How is the United States affected by other countries in the world and how do they affect us?

10/22/10 – Compare and contrast the three different way humans organize their societies in Ancient Greece (as discussed in the textbook) versus the way we do today?

Types of Government:

1. Aristocracy
2. Tyranny (Tyrant) ⇔ Versus ⇔ U.S. or World Today
3. Democracy

10/26/10 – Homer's Odyssey Definitions. Write down the value definitions and an example of each one as you've experienced them in your life.

1. **Athleticism** – physically strong, good at sports.
2. **Hospitality** – friendly and generous reception or attitude towards guests.
3. **Ingenuity** – inventive skill or imagination.
4. **Intuition** – knowing or sensing without a rational process of thinking about it.
5. **Justice** – the quality of being fair, just, equity.
6. **Loyalty** – devotion to others.
7. **Respect** – to show appreciation or regard for others.
8. **Teamwork** – **working** with a/or for a team rather than just for yourself.

Mr. Lopes - Warm-Ups:

11/10/10 – How is love like a rose?

11/16/10 - Should Darius take revenge on the Greeks for the Ionians revolting or should he just let bygons be bygons?

11/19/10 - Knowing that Xerxes takes revenge on the Greeks and burns Athens to the ground, has your viewpoint of the Persians as being a peaceful Empire changed? How do you think this change will affect the Persian Empires rule over their people?

12/10 - What do you think the term "Golden Age" means and what would it look like if the United States were in the middle of an Golden Age right now?

12/10 - Now having studied Athens in the midst of an Golden Age, How would you now describe what the United States would look like if we were in the midst of a Golden Age?

Mr. Mitchell's Class Prompts:

1/4/11 – Should the United States pass a law mandating (requiring) military service when citizens reach the age of 18 (for 2 years)? Why or why not? [Example: Israel and South Korea both require this]

1/10/11 - Should the United States keep its forces in Iraq and take it over (perhaps make it another state or commonwealth like Puerto Rico)? What are the positives and negatives from our perspective and the Iraqi perspective? Explain.

2/8/11 – Republic = a state under a form of government in which the people, or some significant portion of them, retain supreme control over the government. Based on this definition, is the United States a republic? Explain.

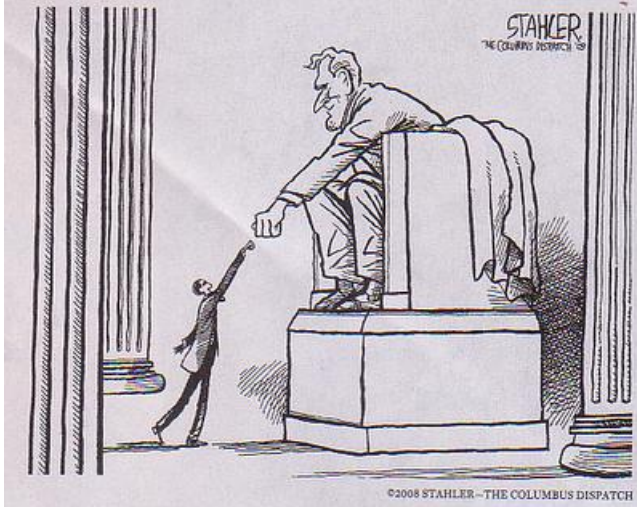
2/15/11 – The Pentagon (military headquarters) currently owns or rents 702 overseas military bases in about 130 countries and has 6,000 bases in the U.S. and its territories. Has or does this military expansion help or hurt our country? Explain. (The U.S. military budget is about \$670 billion)

2/28/11 – How has President Obama done as our country's leader? What are some of the successes and failures of his administration so far? What would you change if you were President? (Politics is controversial and you are entitled to your opinion, but need to respect the opinions of others at the same time.)

3/9/11 – Write about one or two successes or failure of the Roman emperor you are researching, explaining how our President might succeed or fail in a similar way.

3/14/11 – Video: Rome – The Rise and Fall of an Empire: The Last Emperor

Reason for Decline	Explanation on how it led to Rome's decline



3/17/11 – Describe what this political cartoon conveys?

4/1/11 – Considering all other reasons on why civilizations decline, what is your theory about why the Mayan civilization declined?

4/12/11 - Are the Mayans correct that the world will end in 2012? How and why might this end come about? Explain - Hypothesize.