

Creating a Mobile to Compare Ancient Civilizations

Overview

This culminating project challenges you to create a mobile that answers this question:

How were civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East similar and different?

You will create a mobile that represents the similarities and differences between two civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East in four areas: belief systems, cultural achievements, geography, and government. Your mobile should be written for an adult audience that is unfamiliar with the history of ancient Egypt and the Near East and should demonstrate a clear understanding of the unit's key topics.

Requirements

1. Your mobile must answer this question: *How were civilizations of ancient Egypt and the Near East similar and different?* It must compare and contrast two of these ancient civilizations:
 - Babylonia
 - Egypt
 - Israel
2. Your mobile must compare and contrast the two civilizations in these four topic areas:
 - Belief Systems
 - Cultural Achievements
 - Geography
 - Government
3. Your mobile must have four sections, one for each of the topic areas you are comparing. Each section must contain these elements:
 - One card identifying the topic area—belief systems, cultural achievements, geography, and government—in which you are comparing the two civilizations.
 - One card with two visuals—one on each side of the card—illustrating how the civilizations were similar to each other in the topic area. Beneath each visual write the name of the civilization the visual represents.
 - One card with two visuals—one on each side of the card—illustrating how the civilizations were different from each other in the topic area. Beneath each visual write the name of the civilization the visual represents.
 - One card explaining how the civilizations were similar and different in the topic area. On one side of the card, write two or three sentences that explain how the civilizations were similar to each other in the topic area. On the other side of the card, write three or four sentences that explain how the two civilizations were different from each other in the topic area.