

Aztec vs Inca essay and rubric 25 points Your Name: _____

Essay Question: **Which empire would you choose to live in- Aztec or Inca?**

Our class has time traveled back to the year 1491. We have visited both the Aztec and Inca civilizations. However, one of our classmates busted our time travel device and now we are stuck in time with no way back. Our class has decided that our best chance at survival is to join either the Aztec Empire or the Inca Empire, but cannot come to an agreement on which would be best. Your job is to write an argument for which one of the two to join based on the reading and notes from class.

You will select FOUR of the characteristic categories that you believe BEST support your argument. Sequence your chosen characteristic categories so that they best support your viewpoint. In other words, you do not have to write each paragraph in the order the categories appear on the notes documents. YOU can decide the order. Include the following in your essay. This outline will also serve as your rubric for grading.

ALL STUDENTS See my Presentation example: <http://prezi.com/qhnt-dex0g00/go-mayan/> for a sample of an introduction, 2 category statements and the conclusion. The example argues for the **Maya** as an example of what is expected, but without using one of the topics you will be using.

CREATE A GOOGLE DOC, TITLE IT YOUR NAME and AZTEC OR INCA SHARE WITH pSburger

1. INTRODUCTION One paragraph of at least 3 sentences 6 points

_____ Write a **catchy beginning** that indicates what viewpoint you will be arguing for and the main overall reason why! 1 point

Do NOT start your essay with something like: This paper is about,,,or I am going to write about,,,,,

_____ **Thesis statement** (your position or viewpoint) that includes which civilization you are going to argue for us to live with and that lists (in an interesting way) the four categories you will be writing about. *Make it a compelling and interesting statement!* 4 point

_____ Finish up with a **transition sentence** that alerts the reader again to your viewpoint 1 point

2. BODY four paragraphs with four sentences each. 4 points each/ 16 points total

Decide which four categories you want to include.

Then follow the pattern below to write **each of the four paragraphs**.

_____ Identify/Title the characteristic category name ie: geography, social life, government, etc. that states the category and gives an overview of why it is beneficial. *See sentence starters below if you need to. or write your own.* 1 point

_____ Three sentences *with detail* that support your reasoning. 3 points

Remember the statement starters that I placed on my website that you should have already used. Feel free to use them, or be more creative if you prefer. Here they are again for you to refer to:

Sentence starter samples: I believe the (geography) of the Aztec Empire is mostly positive. There are several reasons for why this. **OR** I believe the (geography) of the Aztec Empire would provide a good life because,, **OR** I believe the pros outweigh the cons regarding the (geography) of the Aztec Empire making it a pleasant place to live. The evidence for this is,,,

3. CONCLUSION One paragraph with 2-3 sentences 3 points

_____ Restate your thesis, wrap up your main points, finish with an intriguing statement or question 3 pts

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