

The GRAPES of Social Studies

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GRAPES... What could it mean?

This year we will use “GRAPES” to discuss the different civilizations. Thinking about social studies and what important concepts you need to know what could “GRAPES” stand for?

Think back to what I already told you last week... What do we think GRAPES stands for?

Talk for 1 minute with your table and come up with the acroymn.

Lets see if you were close!

- G: Geography
- R: Religion
- A: Achievements or Accomplishments
- P: Political Structure
- E: Economy
- S: Social Structure

Were you close? How many did you have right, if any?

G - Geography

As we learn about each civilization we will discuss the major landforms and rivers that each group of people settled around.

Geography is much more than mountains and rivers! While we learn the geography of the region we will discuss how geography impacted the development of the entire region.



R- Religion

Religion will cover the core beliefs of every civilization as we cover it. These beliefs include dietary restrictions, rituals, number of Gods, and life after death. Religion can also be tied to the cultural decisions made in the civilization.



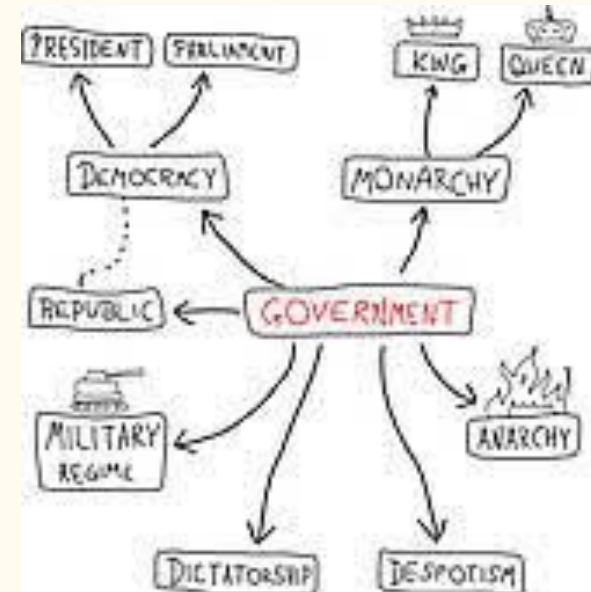
A - Achievements

Achievements are the lasting accomplishments created by a civilization. These achievements can include math, science, art, architecture, and even literature. These achievements are typically an expression of the civilizations culture.



P - Political Structure

The political structure of a civilization determines how it functions and who leads the civilization. The political structure of a civilization will determine how power in the civilization is used, plans for warfare, and criteria for citizenship.



E - Economy

Economy is the money and use of resources within the civilization. Often times use of resources will include trading and bartering. Some civilizations created forms of currency and a standard for that currency.



S - Social Structure

The social structure of a civilization determines the social classes within that civilization. The social structure of a civilization determines your value and role in the society.



Can you guess
what
civilization this
is from?

Here's a Fun Way to Remember G.R.A.P.E.S



Now for a little practice....

Let's learn about you using GRAPES.

Complete the graphic organizer about yourself.

Once you're done you may then fill out the GRAPES using the information from the graphic organizer.

Once your all finished, color the GRAPES, cut them out and place them in your social studies notebook.