



## TRIBE TASKS

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### Centralized Government

Why did the first cities need organized governments?

1. Write a speech to persuade the farmers of the Fertile Crescent to work together to control the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Use strong language. Your job is to persuade! Include:
  - A. Why do the Tigris and Euphrates rivers need to be controlled?
  - B. How do you propose to control them?
  - C. How do you propose to coordinate this large-scale activity?
2. Write an acrostic poem using the words *organized government*. The acrostic must refer to the **Task and Fate Facts** information and accurately reflect the origin and development of organized governments.
3. Draw a poster that shows how the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers affect farming. On the *before* part of the poster show the dangers that rivers pose to farming without human control. On the *after* part, show why controlling the rivers benefits the people of the Fertile Crescent.
4. Make a model of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and show the means that the first governments used to control the rivers.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Organized Religion

What kind of religion was practiced in the first civilizations?

1. Write the lyrics to a song (use any music) which praises the religious practice of *polytheism* (many gods).
2. Write an acrostic poem using the word *polytheism*. Make sure that the acrostic refers to the **Task and Fate Facts** information and explains/describes polytheism.
3. Draw a religious symbol (poster) which reflects the basic beliefs of polytheistic religion.
4. Build a symbol that reflects the basic beliefs of polytheistic religion.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Job Specialization and Social Classes

What kinds of jobs did people specialize in when ancient cities developed?

1. Write at least five classified (newspaper) advertisements for specialized jobs performed in ancient cities.
2. Write an acrostic poem using the words *job specialization*. Make sure that the acrostic refers to the **Task and Fate Facts** information and involves terms that reflect job specialization.
3. Make a pamphlet showing at least four different examples of job specialization in the ancient world.  
(Fold a paper in half and illustrate all four sides.)
4. Make a model (your original work) of the types of goods created by artisans in ancient cities.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

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### Arts, Architecture, and Public Works

What did the art and literature in ancient civilizations attempt to reflect?

1. As an artist in an ancient civilization, write a letter-to-the-editor that describes why art is important to the civilization and why it should be supported.
2. Write an acrostic poem using the words *art and literature*. Make sure that the acrostic refers to the **Task and Fate Facts** information and involves terms that reflect ancient art and literature.
3. Draw a mural (a series of pictures telling a story or revolving around a central theme) which demonstrates the function of art and literature in ancient societies.
4. Create a plaque that commemorates the arts of ancient civilizations.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Writing

Why was writing invented in ancient civilizations?

1. Create a dialogue between a government official and priest which describes what their jobs were like before the invention of writing.
2. Write an acrostic poem using the words *invention of writing*. Make sure that the acrostic refers to the **Task and Fate Facts** information and uses words or terms that were important to the invention of writing.
3. Draw a picture that shows the problems ancient civilizations had that called for the invention of writing.
4. Build a model of an ancient grain warehouse. Show the grain being shipped in and out of the warehouse.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)