



## VILLAGE TASKS

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### Centralized Government

Who was usually chosen to lead ancient governments?

1. Write a want-ad advertisement for a government leader. Include at least seven traits or skills required of an ancient ruler.
2. Write a diamond poem that describes how rulers were chosen in ancient governments.
3. Draw a four-panel cartoon that shows how ancient leaders were chosen.
4. Create a model that shows why the people of city-states turned to war leaders for protection.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Organized Religion

What did people in ancient civilizations believe that their gods and goddesses would do for them?

1. Write a hymn or prayer that reflects what you believe the gods will do for your city-state.
2. Write a diamond poem that describes what ancient people believed that their gods and goddesses would do for them.
3. Create a poster that shows what would happen if the gods were pleased with the city-state and what would happen if they were displeased.
4. Create a dance that thanks the gods for all that they do for the city-state.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Job Specialization and Social Classes

How were people ranked in ancient civilizations?

1. Create a dialogue between an artisan and a peasant farmer. Have both describe what they do for society. Have the artisan argue why it is proper that he has a higher social ranking than does the farmer.
2. Write a diamond poem that describes how people were ranked in ancient societies.
3. Create an illustrated pamphlet that shows the order of the social classes in the ancient world.
4. Build a pyramid model that reflects the social classes of ancient civilization (highest on top, lowest on bottom)
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Arts, Architecture, and Public Works

What did the temples and palaces of ancient civilizations attempt to reflect?

1. As the ruler, write a letter to your architect. Explain how you want your new temple built. (What should it represent and what kind of feeling should it generate among the people?)
2. Write a diamond poem that describes what the temples and palaces of ancient civilizations attempted to reflect.
3. Draw a floor plan or blueprint for an ancient temple or palace.
4. Create a model of an ancient temple or palace.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)

### Writing

What was the first writing like?

1. Write an essay that describes at least 10 ways your life would be different if the Sumerians had not invented writing.
2. Create a diamond poem that describes what the first writing was like.
3. Copy two paragraphs of any **Task and Fate Facts** essay using picture symbols instead of words.
4. Make a model of a clay tablet with cuneiform writing.
5. An idea of your choice (per instructor approval)