**Comparative Civilizations 12**

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Comparative Civilizations 12 is an academic course that focusses on the study of the inter-relationships among values, history, culture, and the arts of ancient civilizations. Its goal is to provide students with a range of experiences and skills that facilitate their understanding of, and sensitivity to, a variety of cultures. It fosters students’ awareness of various civilizations throughout the world, and of the contributions of these civilizations to the sum of human experience.

Comparative Civilizations 12 provides opportunities for students to

• study and compare various world cultures and civilizations by analysing political, social, and economic

 structures

• examine elements of culture such as belief systems, daily life, gender roles, and power and authority

• understand the basic concepts of art, culture, and civilization, and their relationships to each other

• develop open-mindedness based on their understanding of various world cultures and civilizations

• broaden their perspectives – from a study of world cultural history – to think and act as world citizens

Starting with the Origin of Humans, the course will cover 7 units:

Unit 1: The Origin of Humans

Unit 2: Middle Eastern Civilizations: Mesopotamia and Egypt

Unit 3: Ancient Greece

Unit 4: Medieval Europe

Unit 5: Islamic Civilizations

Unit 6: Early Asian Civilizations: China and Japan

Unit 7: The Americas: The Maya and the Inca

There is no assigned textbook for this course, and students will be given handouts as needed. Power Point lectures, movies, and online research will be the main source of information. As such, it is critical that students attend classes to be successful.

**Evaluation** is based on the following:

**Learning Log**  (49%) : Students are expected to take down notes and keep track of information

 through a mind map. Discussions and reflections are also recorded.

 Learning logs will be collected upon completion of each unit.

**Quizzes**  (35%) : Weekly quizzes on the sections covered

**Creative Project:** ( 8%) : Students will research a topic of interest and present it to the class.

**Comparative Essay** ( 8%): In lieu of a final exam, students will complete an essay comparing the political,

economic, and social structures of two civilizations.