Six Elements of Civilization

Review!
Essential Question:

- What are the characteristics of civilization, and what are some of the explanations for why early civilization emerged?
Instructions

You will read through the following slides. As you do, use your notes and assignments (the ones you posted on your website) to help you answer each of the questions in orange. Please complete this assignment on paper.

This will be a graded assignment that will averaged with your poster projects. Be sure to follow the Bellwork Rubric posted on the last slide for each answer.
Cities

Reasons for the growth of cities:

- **Steady food supply**
  
  What two ways did they get this and what is their connection to the growth of cities?

- **Larger groups of people**
  
  What would have been the motivating factors that led people to band together into larger groups?
Religion

Reasons for the development of organized religion:

- Explains our existence
- Important to community success

How does religion help with a community's success and what happens to the priestly class when such importance is placed on religion?
Government

Reason for governments and military structures to be formed:

- Communities need direction
- Defense becomes important and someone needs to lead

Why are governments necessary and what would be their connect to the defense and success of a community?
Social Structure

Reason for the development of social structure:

• More time for other jobs (specialized jobs)

• People’s social worth is based on their economic worth or importance to the community

  Why would a civilization base the worth of an individual, or class of people, on their economic worth or importance to the community?

Is this still the case today? Explain.
The reasons to develop writing:

- Allowed for record keeping
  Why would it be important to keep daily records and historical records of your individual and society’s lives?

- Written codes of law
  Why would it be important to write down your laws? (Hint: Remember back to 8th grade – why is a constitution important?)
Art

Reasons for the rise of art:

- To document and glorify the gods
- Build monumental buildings and structure
- Capture everyday life

Knowing what you know about ancient civilization, why do you think art is so important?
New One: Technology

One thing that all of the ancient civilizations have in common is technology. Each of them developed their own forms of technology that made their life easier and more advanced.

How does technology help us to make our lives easier? Give both an ancient and modern-day example of how technology affects our life.
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