



EMPIRES MUSEUM PROJECT

You and your partner have been hired as curators of the Historicool Museum and have been charged with designing a new exhibit titled “The Rise and Fall of Empires”. You are to choose one empire to research and present to the board of directors of the museum (the class) to vote on and fund. In the roles of historian/archaeologies and curator, you need to research the empires and design a layout of the museum wing, choosing at least **10 artifacts for each society to portray the rise, apex, and fall of the society**. In order to do this, you will present the artifacts and provide a separately written identification card explain each one. A 7-10 minutes ‘guided tour’ through the exhibit that you will simulate for the board using your artifact choices should clearly demonstrate how the system of government in your chosen empire changed over time and reveal the main reasons for its decline.



Assessment

- Written information – do the identification cards reveal careful research? Do they include specific, accurate information? Do they appropriately explain the artifacts, its uses, and what it represents?
- Artifacts – do the artifact choices reveal thought, preparation, and creativity? Do they accurately reflect the various stages of the chosen empire
- Overall design – does the design lend itself to the theme of “the rise and fall of empires” is the overall design creative and thoughtful?
- - PowerPoint; display board; gallery walk; web site etc
- Bibliography - used an equal balance of reputable print and electronic sources?
- Presentation – are the artifacts used appropriately and effectively? Do the presenters properly simulate a ‘guided tour’ that a tour guide would give in a museum? Do they answer questions effectively? Are the board members receptive and willing to fund the project?

Babylonian	Tang	Song	Ottoman
Assyrian	Abbasid	Mongol/Yuan	Mughal
Akkadians	Ghana	Mali	Ming
Kushan	Byzantine	Songhai	Tokugawa
Sasanid	Seljuk	Inca	

YOU WILL WORK IN GROUPS OF TWO.

PRESENTATIONS ARE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 AND FRIDAY THE 28

