

Your Great Discovery

Description:

For the final project you will be doing a prezzi presentation of an archaeological discovery or topic of your choosing, with the exception that it cannot be on something covered in the course. It can be on something related to a topic or discovery covered in class, or it can be on another aspect of the topic or discovery that is not presented in class materials or that you have addressed in a blog or essay. As an example of the former, you could look at pyramid building in some place other than Egypt. As an example of the latter, you could look at other Hominin fossil finds that you did not address in your second paper and go into greater detail. You can also not pick a topic already covered by another student. They are first come first serve. Regardless, there are tons of archaeological sites and many topics that can be hit. If you want to bounce an idea off me to help you refine your search, don't hesitate to send me a note.

Instructions:

- 1) Pick your topic and post it on the website. There will be a new tab titled "Final Projects Blog" where you can post your topic. Write out a quick paragraph outlining what topic you are going to cover so that I and others understand what you will be doing. If you change your mind, you will need to go back and make sure that you aren't changing it to something someone else is already doing. Update your blog entry to reflect the change if you do so. **CATEGORIZE YOUR BLOG POST AS "FINAL PROJECT" and DO NOT POST MORE THAN ONE BLOG ENTRY** for your Final Blog. Edit it as things go on.
- 2) Start learning how to use Prezi. Go to prezi.com. You will need to create an account in order to use Prezi.
- 3) Use the web to research and obtain materials for your prezzi. Make sure that you note where you get your materials from. They must be cited either in or at the end of your prezzi.
- 4) Rules for the prezzi.
 - 1) Your prezzi must consist of at least 12 slides, excluding the slide that has your citations on it at the end and your "Title" slide at the beginning.
 - 2) Your required minimum of 15 slides must be some combination of audio/visual that illustrates and explains some aspect of your Great discovery. You cannot have just a slide of text or just a picture. Think of each slide as being a scene in a documentary that you are filming. Each one is self contained making a specific point but they altogether explain your whole topic. Make sure you don't try to pack too much onto one slide! It's easier to add new ones if you need them.
 - 3) Be creative in your choice of style and use of prezzi. There are themes you can select from as templates, but you are strongly encouraged to use those as starting points rather than adhere strictly to them. You will be graded on creativity!
 - 4) If you embed audio or video, the cannot be more than a few minutes in length. If you can figure it out you can embed video/audio of you.
 - 5) If you redirect people to outside videos or embed youtube videos or equivalent they must be clips of no longer than 5 minutes. You can **recommend** that they go to youtube or elsewhere if the video is longer, but it cannot be embedded in your prezzi.
 - 6) The same goes for web pages, in general. If you redirect to an external website **recommend** it for people to check out.
- 5) Post the link to your prezzi in your Final Project blog post when it is ready to go. Edit it into your post. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW BLOG ENTRY.**

Scoring: You will be graded on four aspects of your prezi:

- 1) 20 points for meeting the base requirements outlined above, with the exception of creativity.
- 2) 20 points for creativity. As noted above, WORK THAT PREZI LIKE YOU MEAN IT! Prezi's are meant to be 'wow' and fresh versus PowerPoint, so wow me and your peers.
- 3) 20 points for content. Like your essays, your Prezi should be comprehensive in addressing your Great Discovery. Review the Week One: Lecture One video on what constitutes a Great Discovery and make sure your prezi follows that format (i.e. who discovered, how old, why important, etc).