Group Research Task: The Mayan, Aztec and Incas.

TASK

You will work in groups to:

1. Research the location, agriculture, government, daily life, religion, trade networks, achievements and decline of the Mayan, Aztec and Incan cultures.
2. Create a hand drawn poster for each civilization.
3. Create a PowerPoint or multimedia presentation, you may incorporate narration and/or appropriate music and sounds. See the Presentation Checklist handout for an exemplary multimedia presentation.

PROCESS

o GROUP RESEARCH PLAN: You will be divided into groups of 4 to research the three civilisations: The Maya, Aztecs and Inca civilization. Each person will assign themselves to multiple topics.
This needs to be decided immediately on the first day and you should create a plan. You should get your teacher to approve your group’s research plan.

o NOTETAKING: Keep notes of all findings and resources.

o RESEARCH: Search the websites of your civilization listed in your specialty. o Record interesting and specific information in your notes (don't forget to include the sources).
o Discuss and share all findings with your team.

o POSTER: Create a poster (size - 12” x18”) for each civilization (total of 3 posters). Provide 1-3 (or more) important topics which could include a place, structure, person, event relating to the geography, history, culture, and/or decline of the civilization.

o POWERPOINT: Create a PowerPoint presentation.
o Information should be brief, but creative and informative.
o Minimum of 17 slides. Must include a title slide, a minimum of 2 slides per topic, a map slide, a timeline slide, a bibliography slide, a credit slide (names of group members with an explanation on how the research was done – see GROUP RESEARCH PLAN (see above).

o Do NOT plagiarize information.
o ALL pictures must have proper citations.
o PowerPoint should reflect artistic and creative effort.