

## AP ART HISTORY

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### Gods and Goddesses of Early Civilizations

Many of the early civilizations believed in a pantheon of gods. Your mission is to discover who the gods and goddesses were and to teach the class about them. Your presentation will be in a PowerPoint format and you will turn in a written report where all sources are listed. Failure to cite sources is plagiarism and will result in a zero for the project and a referral.

#### Specifications:

You will have a team of three members. Each member is responsible for presenting a portion of the project to the class and turning in a written section of the report. The team's written section will be clipped together and placed in a folder that I provide to you.

Your journey will take you through Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, India and Japan. You will gather information, pictures, etc. about the gods/goddesses you are assigned and you will compile it into a written paper as well as a slide presentation. Your assigned gods/goddesses will be from the Egyptian civilization and you will locate their counterparts or what closely resembles a counterpart in the other cultures.

Make the presentation exciting – don't just read from your slides! Use the slides as a guideline for discussion. Be prepared to answer questions.

Your responsibility is to explore the role your god/goddess played in the country. For example, answer the following questions: How did the god/goddess manifest itself? How was it portrayed? What myths surround the god/goddess? How was the god/goddess represented in art? What role did the god/goddess have in society?

Q: What cultures will you explore?

A: Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China and Japan

*Where do you begin?*

*The following websites are helpful:*

Egypt

<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html>. Follow the links to the Gods and Goddesses section and click on explore. An alphabetical list of gods and goddesses comes on the screen.

India:

[http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/hinduism/home\\_set.html](http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/hinduism/home_set.html). From here read the story/explore and challenge sections. Find your god/goddess and some valuable data and pictures.

China/Mesopotamia:

<http://www.godchecker.com/>

<http://www.fsmitha.com/h1/ch06.htm>

<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHneareast.html>

link to: [http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk/gods/home\\_set.html](http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk/gods/home_set.html)

Japan:

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/mythjapan/>

Other sites to peruse:

[www.artcyclopedia.com](http://www.artcyclopedia.com)

[http://folkloreandmyth.net/firms.com/gods\\_goddesses.html](http://folkloreandmyth.net/firms.com/gods_goddesses.html)  
<http://www.scns.com/earthen/other/seanachaidh/godindia.html>  
<http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/>  
[http://www.ancientchina.co.uk/tombs/home\\_set.html](http://www.ancientchina.co.uk/tombs/home_set.html)  
<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHLinks5.html>  
<http://www.crystalinks.com/ancient.html>  
<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/CWebPage.html>

### Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses

The British Museum: Ancient Egypt. Includes links to pictures of gods/goddesses  
<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html>

Ancient Egypt: The Mythology. Links to gods/goddesses and images of each.  
<http://egyptianmyths.net/section-deities.htm>

#### Gods-Goddesses

<http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgodsindex.html>

Also, this page listing Ancient and Lost Civilizations: Includes Religion Sites  
<http://www.crystalinks.com/ancient.html>

Ancient Egypt On-Line: Activities: Your Name in Hieroglyphics In Discovery Case: Activities, Then Gods and Goddesses

<http://www.rom.on.ca/egypt/>

Also, check this page:

Life in Ancient Egypt: description of hieroglyphic pronunciation  
<http://www.watson.org/%7Eleigh/egypt.html#gods>

#### Gods and Mythology of Ancient Egypt

<http://www.touregypt.net/godsofegypt/index.htm>

Also, this page relating to the Pharaohs and their dynasties  
<http://www.touregypt.net/kings.htm>

List of Mythological Deities: with illustrations

<http://members.aol.com/egyptart/list.html>

Art History Resources on the Web: Ancient Egypt

<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHEgypt.html#AncEgypt>

#### Egyptian Mythology

<http://interoz.com/egypt/gods1.htm>

Egyptian Gods from a Teacher's Web Quest

<http://www.sk4p.net/egypt/gods.shtml>

Daily Life in Ancient Egypt: A Teacher's Site. Look at the trivia questions!

<http://members.aol.com/Donnclass/Egyptlife.html>

**Due Wednesday October 26, 2005**

**Written Report worth 100 points (20 points per culture)**

**Presentation worth 100 points (20 points per culture)**