THE RESEARCH PROJECT: TOPIC SELECTION

Name: ___________________________________________ Period: __________

1. How did the physical geography affect the growth of ancient civilizations?
   - Tigris/Euphrates Rivers
   - Nile River (cataracts, Blue/White Nile)
   - Indus/Ganges Rivers
   - Himalaya Mountains (Mt. Everest)
   - Huang (Yellow) River
   - Mediterranean Sea

2. What were the beliefs and values of ancient civilizations?
   - Sumerian Religion (Myths, Ziggurats, Gods/Goddesses)
   - Judaism
   - Abraham, Moses, Israelites
   - The Ten Commandments
   - Egyptian Mummification and the Afterlife
   - Hinduism
   - Buddhism (Siddhartha Gautama)
   - Confucius and Confucianism
   - Greek Mythology
   - Greek Gods/Goddesses

3. How did ancient civilizations develop economic systems?
   - Trade
   - Farming
   - Warfare/Military Weapons, Training, and Strategies

4. How did ancient civilizations develop governments and societies?
   - The Babylonians
   - The Assyrians
   - Hammurabi and Hammurabi’s Code
   - The Phoenicians (Trade, Murex snail, Alphabet)
   - Israelite Kings (Saul, David, Solomon)
   - King Nebuchadnezzar
   - Egyptian Pharaohs (Ramesses II, Hatshepsut, Thutmose III, King Tut, Amenhotep IV)
   - Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms of Egypt
   - Queen Cleopatra VII
   - Maurya Empire (Chandragupta, Asoka)
   - Chinese Dynasties (Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han)
   - Shi Huangdi
   - Alexander the Great
   - Spartan Society
   - Athenian Culture
   - Greek Battles (Marathon, Thermopylae, Peloponnesian War)

5. What historical accomplishments is each ancient civilization known for?
   - Writing Systems (Cuneiform, Phoenician Alphabet, Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Greek Alphabet)
   - The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Tower of Babel
   - Egyptian Pyramids (The Great Pyramid, The Great Sphinx)
   - The Rosetta Stone
   - The Great Wall of China
   - The Silk Road
Greek Philosophy (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle)