Example Essay Prompts

**PERSIA Essay Prompt #1**

Write an informative essay on the culture and civilization of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  In your essay, you will include:

* An introduction that describes your topic, grabs the reader’s attention with an unusual fact, an outstanding accomplishment, a comparison to today, etc., and clearly explains the organization you will use to inform the reader about your civilization (i.e. your three PERSIA categories).
* Three body paragraphs (each one based on one of the PERSIA categories) which develop the topic with **relevant facts, important definitions, concrete details, a quotation or a paraphrase noting the source.** Use **appropriate transitions, precise language, and specific vocabulary** in each paragraph.
* A conclusion that wraps up your essay and makes a claim on the most significant achievement or noteworthy aspect of this civilization.

**PERSIA Essay Prompt #2**

Compare and contrast the civilizations of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in two paragraphs.  In the first paragraph, describe the similarities that exist in the two civilizations using at least three categories from PERSIA.  Your comparison should include relevant facts, important definitions, and concrete details about each civilization.  In your second paragraph, describe in detail three major areas of difference in the civilizations (based on your PERSIA categories).