

A NEW SOCIETY

You've gathered your crew, figured out what to bring and created your canoe. Assume you've reached a new island the size of Kauai. You have had time to send the canoe back to bring more of your people to your island. How will your people survive in their new setting? You must create a sustainable culture...remember, "He wa'a, he moku; He moku, he wa'a" (The canoe is an island and the island is a canoe).

As the leader of your people, you now must design the society your people will live in. Use your knowledge about the civilizations we studied this year as well as what we studied about voyaging to inform your choices in each of our five themes. The themes and guiding questions for each of them are listed on the next page.

You will be required to have:

An outline: Once you have formulated your ideas, you should write them down in outline form. By the end of the project, you should have a complete outline for your paper.

An essay: Spend one day thinking and writing about each topic. We will have a brief discussion at the beginning of each class to get you started. Your homework each night will be transforming your outline into part of your essay.

Your essay also needs a THESIS STATEMENT that is supported by details, especially from the civilizations we have learned about this year. You must give solid reasoning and support for your choices. As an option, you may add illustrations to your paper to make your points.

A works cited page: It is your responsibility to keep track of your sources and record them accurately. You may use **one** internet source and a minimum of **one** other source for each theme.

The rough draft for this essay is due on May 9th, and the final is due IN CLASS on May 16th.

- Day 1:** *Government and Law: Type of government? Democracy? Dictatorship? Aristocracy? Give your reasons for your government. What are 5 important rules that your society emphasizes? What are the punishments for breaking these rules?*
- Day 2:** *Society and Classes: Is there a class system? Is it based on economic status? Heredity? Other factors? Or is everyone equal? If so, how is this possible? What are the role differences (if any) for men and women in society? Why?*
- Day 3:** *Economy and Sustainability: What type of economy is best suited for your society? What are you going to produce based on your resources? How will you get what you need to survive? Will everyone produce what they need or will people have specific jobs? Will resources be divided equally?*
- Day 4:** *Religion: What religious beliefs will guide your society? Who is the head of the religion? Is religion separate from government or connected? Does religion affect any other themes? What rituals does your culture practice? Where?*
- Day 5:** *Culture and Innovation: What are your cultural practices? Do you have holidays? What is your music, food, dance or art like? What behaviors do people value?*
- Day 6:** *Issues: What issues do you think your society will face as it grows? Are these problems avoidable? What problems do you want to avoid in your society? How will you deal with biological or environmental disasters?*

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Content: /20

Coverage of 5 themes

Valid Reasoning

Detailed historical support for ideas

Writing: /20

Use of “voice”

Flow of ideas/transitions

Logical introduction/conclusion

Essay follows outline

Conventions: /5

Punctuation

Proofreading

Grammar

Works Cited /5

Proper format

Required number of sources

Total: /50