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Preparing for a Test
Creating a Daily and Weekly Schedule
Organized Notebook and Test due Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Daily and Weekly Schedule due Friday, October 24, 2014

On Tuesday, we will have our first history test. There are quite a few skills and steps that will help you successfully prepare for it.

Part 1: Preparing for the Mesopotamia Test

Since the test is "open book" it will be vital that you organize your binder **before** Tuesday. Here are the steps and requirements that you need to follow:

1. Complete any unfinished work
2. Place all your papers in the correct section of your history binder
3. Organize the papers so that they are placed in your binder either with the most recent items at the top and the older ones at the back or visa versa
4. Identify, with a sticky note or tab, notes and/or handouts that may help you answer the questions below
5. Ask a parent to quiz you on the questions below
6. Find the page(s) where the information is located and answer the question your parent just posed to you

Mesopotamia Test Study Questions

1. Civilization Simulation: What are some factors that lead your civilization to grow and develop?
2. Jared Diamond and "Geographic Luck" What is "geographic luck"?
3. How would you define culture? What are the main components of culture?
4. Identify the main geographical features of and surrounding Mesopotamia.
5. Identify the areas occupied by the Sumerians, Assyrians, and Babylonians
6. What are the two main theories as to why the Mesopotamian civilization collapsed?
7. Be able to define the following terms: cuneiform, King Gilgamesh, Hammurabi's Code, ziggurats, monotheism, polytheism
8. Explain what G.R.A.P.E.S. stands for and be able to use this acronym to help organize and give at least four examples of each component of Mesopotamian civilization/culture.

You may bring in your prepared binder for me or Rebecca to look over on Monday

Part 2: Time Management: Making a Daily and Weekly Schedule

1. Please read the following article on [PBS Kids](#) about creating a daily and weekly schedule
2. Choose your busiest day of the week and think about the main activities you have
3. Create a **daily schedule** by either:
 - a. printing out the blank daily schedule, creating a color key, then coloring in the daily schedule according to what you do during those hours
 - b. Make a copy of the daily/weekly schedule from the this [link](#) and go under **File--->Make a Copy** to create your own schedule. Place the cursor in a cell then find **More** on the menu tab. Find the **paint bucket icon** and choose a **Cell Background Color** that represent the activity.
 - c. After completing your daily schedule, write down three observations about it
4. Create a **weekly schedule** by either:
 - a. printing out the blank weekly schedule, creating a color key, then coloring in the daily schedule according to what you do during those hours
 - b. Continue on the weekly schedule by following the same instructions for part 3b above.
 - c. After completing your weekly schedule, write down three observations about it