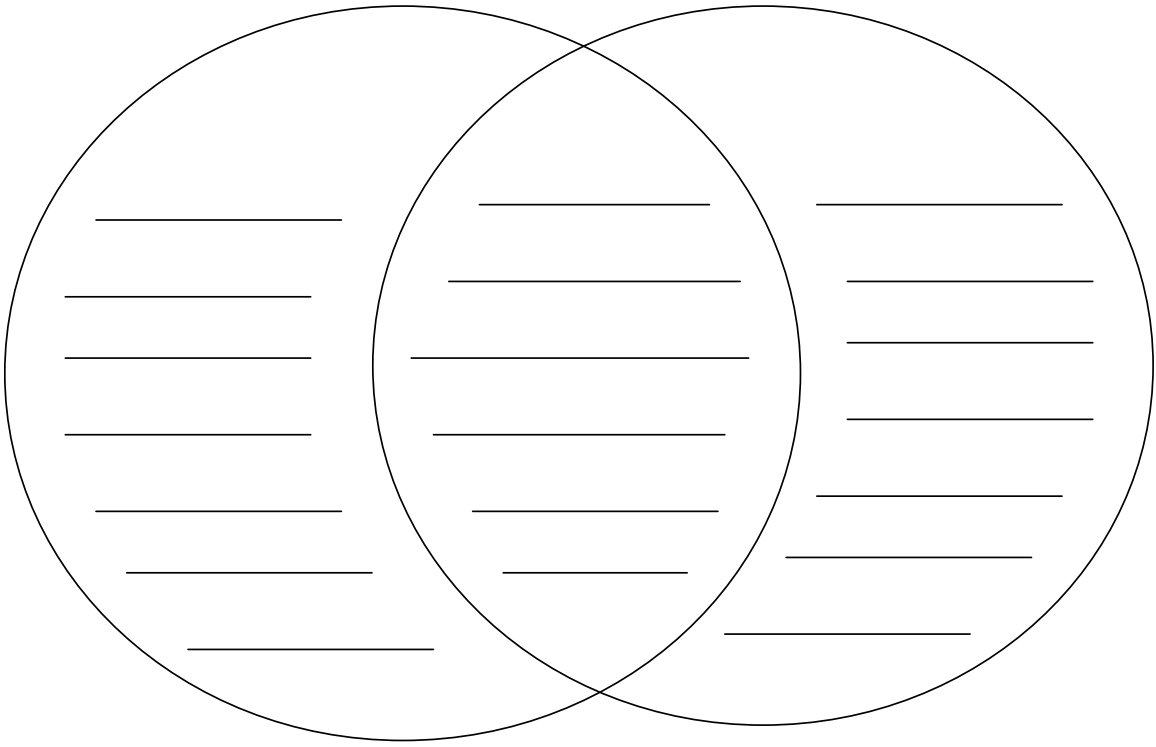**ESSENTIAL QUESTION:**
How did the development of ancient civilizations affect cultural identity?

Researching Ancient Africa using Childe's Civilization Criteria

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
a.) TECHNOLOGY	1. *What kinds of technology did these people invent?* 2. *What kinds of science did these people develop?* 3. *Did these people have a written language?* 4. *Other interesting facts*
b.) RELIGION	▪ *What did they worship (gods or goddess)* ▪ *What did they know about the person or thing they worshipped?* ▪ *Other interesting facts*
c.) SETTLEMENT PATTERNS	▪ *How do you know that these people live in large and thickly populated settlements?* ▪ *Describe what their houses looked like.* ▪ *Describe what cities looked like* ▪ *What large buildings do they have in their cities?* ▪ *Other interesting facts*
d.) ECONOMY	▪ *What were the main jobs or occupations of these people?* ▪ *Describe the kind of trading that occurred.* ▪ *Did these groups have the ability to produce and store surplus food and other goods? How?* ▪ *Other interesting facts*
e.) GOVERNMENT	▪ *Describe the type of government of these people.* ▪ *Who was their leader(s)?* ▪ *Who made the laws?* ▪ *What kind of rules and laws did they have?* ▪ *Other interesting facts.*
f.) ART	▪ *What kinds of art did these people appreciate?* ▪ *Other interesting facts*
g.) SOCIETY	▪ *What were the social classes?* ▪ *Who were the most important people?* ▪ *Who were the least important people?* ▪ *Other interesting facts.*

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Civilization Criteria Sheet

Archeologists, like other scientists, like to find general rules that will bring some order and meaning to the vast amounts of material they dig up. Because scientists are uneasy when every object they uncover is seen as unique, they work to find general principles that explain seemingly unrelated objects and events. They look for regularities in the material they study. One archeologist, V. Gordon Childe, sought to understand the emergence of civilizations by examining archaeological material for evidence of such regularities. On the basis of his study, he proposed a set of criteria or characteristics which he believed defined a civilization. These criteria are:

* Large and thickly populated settlements
* A variety of specialized occupations
* The ability to produce and store surplus food and other goods
* Large public buildings
* A variety and ranking of social positions
* Writing and a system of notation
* The beginning of science
* The development of an important art style
* Trade over long distances
* The beginning of social control based on a central government rather than kinship.

Let's Get "Physical" ~ Ancient Africa

	Bodies of Water	Climate	Landforms	Vegetation
Axum				
Egypt				
Songhai				
Ghana				
Mali				
Kush				

Artscape 2007
Celebrating Civilizations Creatively

Your group has been chosen to be on the steering committee to assist planning Baltimore's annual summer event-Artscape. The theme is "Celebrating Civilizations Creatively". There is a possibility that Afram will not be held therefore we will focus on Ancient African Cultures. Your groups' task will be to research the cultures of Ancient Civilizations. Be able to report in detail about the economic, social, political characteristics. Think about how Baltimoreans would appreciate and celebrate Ancient Africa through the visual and performing arts.

Arts Integration
(*Assessment Options*)

Medium: Computer
Arts: poetry, raps, illustrations, stories

#1: Children's Reference Book
#2: National Geographic Magazine Feature Story

Medium: Video Camera
Arts: poetry, dance, music, spoken word, reenactment

#3: PBS Documentary
#4: Tourism Campaign

Scoring Tool

Presentation Must Include:	Possible Point s	Points Earned
a.) Creative Exhibit Title including name of Civilization	05	
b.) Describes the Relative Location of Civilization	05	
c.) Identifies and describes at least three physical characteristics of the civilization (landform, vegetation, bodies of water, climate)	30= 5 pts.each -identify 5 pts. each -describes	
d.) Identifies and describes at least five criteria of ancient civilization which must incorporate each cultural characteristic (economic, social, and political)	50= 5 pts. each-identify 5 pts. each-describes	
e.) Artform Performed/Displayed neatly	10	
TOTAL	**100**	