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| Title: Ancient Times Newspaper |
| *These project activities are meant to build upon each other and may take up to 2-4 weeks if all suggested components are included. They incorporate learning opportunities from all content areas including: Social Studies, Science, Math, English Language Arts, Health, Physical Education, World Languages, Career & Education Development, and Visual and Performing Arts.*  |
| **Introduction:** You have been asked to create a newspaper representing either the Greek or Roman empires. The newspaper has multiple components (see below) that represent items that you would find in an actual newspaper. These different sections should be used to show understanding of the empire of your choice. |
| **Intended Grade Level:** Grades 6-8 but topic and expected components could be adapted to fit a wide range from grade 3-12. |
| **Materials:** Paper copy can be done with paper, pencil, crayons/markers, scissors, rulers, etc. Digital versions would need online access and with a computer and computer program. |
| **Activities:** 1. Decide if your newspaper will be [done digitally](https://www.flipsnack.com/templates/newspapers) or with a paper format.
	1. Check out a newspaper or these [sample newspapers](https://www.makemynewspaper.com/sample-newspapers) for inspiration about your layout.
2. Create a Newspaper logo/masthead including an image.
3. Write your headline article featuring a major event in the history of either the [Greek](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/greek-history/top-10-important-events-of-ancient-greece/) or [Roman](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/rome-history/top-10-important-events-ancient-rome-history/) empires.
4. Identify a prominent person in your empire as an “upcoming interview” and preview 3-5 questions that you will be asking that person. (Possible [Romans](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/rome-history/top-10-famous-people-ancient-rome/) and [Greeks](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/greek-history/top-10-important-people-ancient-greece/))
	1. Include a short, quoted response to one of your questions to hook your audience to buy the next issue.
5. Have a weather section that talks about weather for the current season and what it will look like in the “coming year” by investing the [weather of your empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_climate) at different points of the year.
6. Create a map of the empire that highlights not only prominent locations of the empire, but also identifies the locations of different places references throughout the newspapers. (Example [Roman](https://historylink101.com/ancient_rome/ancient_rome_maps.htm) and [Greek](https://ancient-greece.org/map.html) maps)
7. Have a section for letters to the editor with at least one persuasive letter to the editor trying to get people to agree with an idea about a historical event of the empire. (See examples in #3 above)
8. Create an advertisements section that includes the following advertisements:
	1. A “new and improved” product/invention of the era. (Possible [Roman](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/rome-history/top-10-ancient-roman-inventions/) and [Greek](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/greek-history/top-10-inventions-discoveries-ancient-greece-remarkably-used-today/))
		1. Include the problem that this invention solves and an image of the product.
	2. An advertisement for the sale of a parcel of land.
		1. Include cost per square foot and an image of the land.
		2. Loan information and costs at different percentage rates showing [compound interest](https://www.calculator.net/loan-calculator.html).
	3. A health product that addresses a health issue of the time and what people would have done to try to treat this illness or issue. (Example [Roman](https://daily.jstor.org/the-health-risks-of-living-in-ancient-rome/) and [Greek](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/323596))
	4. Create a short list of “help wanted” advertisements of jobs that people may have worked in that empire. (Example of [Roman](https://rome.mrdonn.org/occupations.html) and [Greek](https://anchientgreece.weebly.com/cities-and-jobs.html))
		1. Include an advertisement from military recruiter that briefly talks about “a day in the life” of a soldier of your empire. (Example [Roman](https://ed.ted.com/lessons/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-roman-soldier-robert-garland) and [Greek](https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece/soldiers_and_war.php))
9. Have an entertainment section that includes the following:
	1. A schedule of “sporting events” (like an ESPN TV schedule) that people of the time would have participate in for recreation or sport including images of these events. (Example [Roman](http://www.legendsandchronicles.com/ancient-civilizations/ancient-rome/ancient-roman-sports/) and [Greek](https://www.olympic.org/ancient-olympic-games/the-sports-events))
	2. Create a comic strip comparing your empire to another empire or country of the time or history before them.
	3. Include lyrics to a new “hit song” that refers to people, places, or events of the empire.
	4. Have a chef’s corner where the chef talks about his role in getting the different foods from their area. (Example [Roman](https://www.ancienthistorylists.com/rome-history/top-10-ancient-roman-foods-and-drinks/) and [Greek](https://www.cooksinfo.com/food-in-ancient-greece/))
		1. Include a recipe that features locally sourced meat, fish, fruits, and vegetables.
	5. Create a small crossword puzzle with a “word of the day”.
		1. For clues focus on root words of Greek and Latin that are still found in words we use today. ([More information](https://www.readingrockets.org/article/root-words-roots-and-affixes))
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| **Additional Readings/Links:** The links include above are only a small sample of the possible resources that a student can use to create your newspaper. The research and work can be done with as much or as little online research and access as needed and have readily available. |
| **Key Vocabulary:*** Compound Interest - a method of calculating interest whereby interest earned over time is added to the principal
* Crossword Puzzle - a puzzle consisting of a grid of squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues.
* Greek Empire - a civilization based in Athens/Greece from about 1200 BC until about 600 AD.
* Letter to the Editor - a letter sent to a newspaper about issues of concern from its readers
* Locally sourced - food that is produced and/or found within a short distance of where it is consumed
* Newspaper Masthead - the name of a publication and logo displayed on the top of the first page
* Recreation – physical diversion or hobby
* Roman Empire – a civilization based in Rome/Italy from about 100 BC until about 500 AD.
* Root word – the most basic part of a word without prefixes or suffixes. (aqua, form, gram, micro, etc)
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