ANATOMY & AUTOPSY PROJECT

Directions: You and your group will be looking into the success and eventual downfall of an empire that existed between 1450 and 1900. You will be depicting this through an anatomy/autopsy report.

The “anatomy” illustrates/describes the main aspects of the empire.

The “autopsy” shows what led to the collapse of the empire.

Empires: You and your group members will be assigned one of the empires listed below for this project:

A. Ottoman Empire
B. Safavid Empire
C. Mughal Empire
D. Dutch Empire
E. Portuguese Empire
F. Qing Dynasty

Empire Anatomy: If this was an obituary of your culture, what would the “good times” and “important legacies” of your culture be? How did these help your empire become successful? Provide a clear picture of what your empire was like during healthier times, using the following categories:

- **Head (outside; crown, hair, etc.):** Significant leaders & accomplishments (GOVERNMENT)
- **Brains (inside of head):** use of technology/science to create innovation/success (SCIENCE)
- **Spine/Back:** Power structures: Who makes decisions? How is power distributed? (GOVERNMENT)
- **Heart:** Religious beliefs and cultural rituals, traditions, values, etc. (RELIGION)
- **Hands:** Art, architecture & technological advances (ART)
- **Arms:** Military power (GOVERNMENT/RELIGIOUS)
- **Legs:** Labor Systems: Who did the work in this civilization? (SOCIETY)
- **Ribs:** Societal Infrastructure (role of social classes, women, children)
- **Feet:** Trade routes and goods traded. Trade partners. (ECONOMY)
- **Background:** Monumental architecture and supporting information such as crops, places, etc.: How did this empire adapt/use the environment? (ENVIRONMENT)
Part I: Anatomy of Empire
1. Research your empire and complete the chart to organize your research.

Part II: Autopsy of Empire
1. Research the decline of your empire and answer the following questions. (You may use Google Classroom with your group to share the information.)
   - What led to the decline of this empire? (long terms effects)
   - What is the legacy of the empire? (Are there parts leftover?)

Part III:
1. You will trace a group member’s body to create the corpse of your empire. Use the checklist on the front of this sheet to organize your information on the corpse.
   - Group Members Names
   - Period
   - Works Cited

2. The autopsy should be creative. For example, if the empire declined because of inferior technology then you will have to show how the brain was damaged. If the legacy of your civilization was religion then you will need to show how the heart is still healthy in your poster.
**Formatting:**
- Create a Works Cited (attach to back of poster).
- Give your individual a creative name. Include years of life - birth & death dates.
- **Write** your anatomy information on the poster.
- **Attach** your autopsy information on colored paper.
- Use the diagram to guide your work.

**Reliable Sources:**
- [http://www.timemaps.com/history/](http://www.timemaps.com/history/)