Civilization Autopsy

Directions: You and your group will be looking into the success and eventual downfall of a classical empire. You will be depicting this through an autopsy report.

You will need notes on each one of the empires, but will only be assigned a poster for one of the following:

Empires:

- Persia (Achaemenid, Parthian and Sassanid)
- China (Han)
- India (Guptan)

- Mediterranean (Rome)
- The Greeks
- China (Qin)

For the purposes of the obituary and the autopsy, use the following:
- Head: Significant leaders, major accomplishments
- Neck: Imperial city/cities
- Arms: Military, Diplomacy & International relationships
- Hands: Art, Architecture & Technological advances
- Pen: Literature
- Spine: Political Structure/Bureaucracy/Legal Systems
- Ribs: Societal Infrastructure/Gender Roles
- Legs: Labor Systems (Slavery, tributes, Peasant)
- Feet: Trade Routes, currencies, animal transport, and goods traded
- Heart: Religious Beliefs

Part One: The Obituary (INDIVIDUAL): This should be at least one page, and should be typed (12 pt. font, 1"margins, etc.) Write a clear picture of what this civilization was like during healthier times, during its prime. What made your empire or civilization successful? What were its strengths? Give me a clear picture of what this empire was like during healthier times. This will be turned in online through canvas. (10 points)

Part Two: The Autopsy (GROUP):

- Put the name of your civilization at the top of the butcher paper (that huge white paper that teachers use for random things).
- You will draw a large representation of a person (your civilization) on that paper.
- You will label the different issues that caused the decline and fall of your civilization on the paper. Use the categories above so that everyone makes the same analogies.
    - Remember to include what led to its decline/weakened it prior to the final moments. What was the killing blow/disease, etc.? Was it a long, slow decline, or a fast end?
    - What led to the decline of this empire?
    - What weakened it?
    - What led to their demise?
    - Be creative in your delivery.

Other Information:

- You need at least three sources of information.
- One can be your textbook.
- Cite in MLA Format
- Write your empire information in one color.
- Write your autopsy info in a different color.

Rubric for The Autopsy:

	Exemplary (90-100%)	Proficient (80-89%)	Partially Proficient (70-79%)	Unsatisfactory (0%-69%)
Content (0-15 pts)	• Content is accurate and exceptionally detailed and informative • Content is presented according to directions	• Content is accurate and adequately detailed and informative • Content is presented according to directions	• Content is mostly accurate, is too basic and/or missing some key details • Content is mostly presented according to directions	• Content is inaccurate • Content lacks the necessary detail to be informative • Content is not presented according to directions
Organization (0-10 pts)	• Information location is accurate • Information is exceptionally readable • Names, Period, and Civilization are evident • Organized in a pleasing manner	• Information location is accurate • Information is adequately readable • Names, Period, and Civilization are evident • Poster is organized	• Information is on the poster • Information is mostly readable • Names, Period, and Civilization title are evident • Poster lacks organization	• Information is missing, or location is odd • Information is not readable • Names, Period, and Civilization are missing • Poster has no organization
Professionalism & Sources (0-5 pts)	• Poster is professional – high level of effort is apparent • Poster is colorful and creative • Content is easy to read and flows • Three sources are found on the back of poster in correct MLA format.	• Poster is mostly professional – Effort is apparent • Poster is colorful and gets the point across • Content is easy to read • 2 sources are found in MLA format	• Poster is somewhat professional – Effort is somewhat apparent • Poster lacks color or creativity • Content is rushed • 1 source is found in MLA format	• Poster is not professional quality - Effort is not apparent • Poster has no color or creativity • Content is lacking or displeasing • No sources listed