World History

Unit 1: Ancient Civilizations

Skill: Persuasive Writing, Prompt 1

**The Neolithic Revolution: The Diamond Thesis**

This week we have worked on two major objectives:

1. Understanding the Neolithic Revolution in World History
2. Identifying and practicing thesis writing as a historian

This assignment will ask you to combine those two objectives, and will be your first attempt at persuasive writing. You will be assessed as a writer based on the Persuasive Writing Learning Standards. I will be particularly focusing on your ability to craft a proficient thesis and support it clearly.

*Prompt: According to Jared Diamond, why does human inequality exist in the world?*

Requirements:

* State a proficient thesis
* Support your thesis with an explanation that includes factual evidence
* Tell me if you are convinced that the Diamond Thesis is correct (and why or why not)

Other requirements:

* This is a formal piece of writing, so be grammatically accurate and use spell check
* The product must be typed, and saved in your Google Shared folder.
* Type in 12-point font and double-space your work
* Please don’t alter the margins of your document or include unnecessary spaces between lines of text
* Your finished work should be 2 pages maximum
* Be sure you type your name at the top of the document
* The assignment is due at the beginning of class on **THURSDAY, JUNE 11.**

**Please turn this in through the Google Shared Folder you create for World History**.