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## Greek Philosophers Research Paper

“The Greeks believed the human mind capable of understanding everything. As a result, the philosophers, or thinkers, of ancient Greece produced some of the most remarkable ideas the world has ever known. Through philosophy – which means “the seeking of wisdom” – they laid the foundations for such disciplines as history, political science, biology, and logic, or the science of reasoning.” (Farah and Karls. World History, the Human Experience. 2001.)

A) Your assignment is to research 3 of the great philosophers of Ancient Greece: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

**Your paper should include the following:**

- 1) A brief biography of all 3 people.
- 2) What achievements they are credited for.
- 3) What they emphasized in their teaching and studies.
- 4) How they differed in their teachings from each other, and other sophists of the time.
- 5) How they were similar.
- 6) Resistance, if any, to their research and teaching, and how it was handled.

B) Your paper should be formatted in MLA format.

2-3 pages in length

12 point, Times New Roman font

1/2 “ page headers

Name, Class, Teacher, and Date in the upper left hand corner.

1” margins

Works cited within paper

C) Your paper must include a works cited page.

1) For help creating your works cited page, visit <http://www.easybib.com/>. Here you will find a MLA bibliography maker.

2) Your works cited must include:

a) At least one book

b) At least two websites (websites MUST have an author, and date of publishing – NO Wikipedia)

D) Schedule:

**This assignment is due: Thursday, October 31, 2013**

You need to use a googledoc for your paper so that I may see progress – please share your document with me today (10/16) and with the title of “Philosophes Paper – Your Name”

***Because you have time to complete this project in class, on computers, I will not accept any handwritten papers.***

E) Grading:

Attached you will find a rubric detailing how this paper will be graded. *You will submit your rubric to me after you hand in your paper with the grades you feel you deserve circled. This will give me an idea of how much effort you feel you put into this paper. I will not grade your paper until I have your rubric turned back into me. Please complete your rubric in blue or black ink.*

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Category	Excellent (10)	Good (8)	Satisfactory (6)	Needs Improvement (4)
<b>Organization</b>	Between 2-3 pages in length, information is organized with introductory statement, body, and conclusion that tie all information together.	Between 2-3 pages in length. Information is organized with introductory statement, body, and conclusion.	Between 2-3 pages in length. Information is organized with an attempt at a main idea, some supporting details and a conclusion.	Less than 2-3 pages in length. Information is not well organized. Paper lacks details and conclusion.
<b>Quality of Information</b>	Information clearly related to the main topic. Includes several supporting details and examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. Includes some supporting details that help support the main idea.	Information clearly related to the main topic. Lacks details that support the main idea.	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.
<b>Paragraph Construction</b>	All paragraphs are 5-7 sentences; include an introduction, supporting details and conclusion. Transitions are easy to follow.	All paragraphs are at least 5 sentences; include an introduction, supporting details and conclusion or transitions	All paragraphs are at least 5 sentences but not well organized. Transitions are forced, awkward, or non-existent.	Paragraphing structure was not clear and sentences were not typically related within paragraphs.
<b>Mechanics</b>	No grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Almost no grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	A few grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.
<b>Sources</b>	All sources are documented in a works cited page in proper MLA format. At least two internet sources, and one non-fiction book were used.	All sources are documented in a works cited page. At least two internet sources, and one non-fiction book were used.	Paper includes a works cited page.	No documentation of sources.
<b>Research and Application</b>	Properly utilized the work time as well as book materials. Completed paper on time and turned in completed rubric page.	Properly utilized the work time as well as book materials most of the time. Completed paper and turned in completed rubric page on time.	Utilized work time properly some of the time. Completes paper on time and turns in completed rubric page.	Does not utilize time well. Turns in paper, but does not turn in rubric page.

Due Date: Thursday - 10/31/2013

Student Score:                    / 60

Teacher Score:                    / 60