**Background:** The science of astronomy has been in practice for thousands of years. Different ancient cultures have had different views on what the sun, the moon, and the stars all meant. Today, we study what these ancient civilizations knew about astronomy. To do so, we combine astronomy with archaeology to form “archaeostronomy”. Your objective in the project is to research one of these ancient cultures and to create a presentation to show off all of the knowledge you will learn during the course of this project. The following link will show the list of civilizations that you will be able to choose from; it will also be a great starting point for your information:

[**http://www.starteachastronomy.com/archaeoastronomy.html**](http://www.starteachastronomy.com/archaeoastronomy.html) **(this link is on my website)**

**Areas of Focus:**

Presentation- Your group will create a presentation displaying the information about your civilization. The presentation should be 5-12 minutes long. You may include other areas, but your topic to focus on should be on the culture’s ideas on astronomy. You may (and should) include any pictures you can to help improve your presentation visually. You may use PowerPoint, Prezi, create a video, or anything else that you run by the teacher first.

Handout- Your group will create a handout to help summarize the information in a logical way. Your handout does not need to include every bit of information from your presentation, but it should include the major ideas. This handout needs to be in the style of *fill-in-the blank*, so that students can fill in the information as you go through your presentation.

Activity- Your group will create an activity for the class to do that will aid in their learning of the ancient civilization. The activity can be a game or a worksheet or something similar. It can be physical or electronic. All ideas need to be approved first, and remember, this activity should help students remember the information on your civilization. You can be creative with this, and have some fun.

 “Quiz”- Your group will create a 10-15 question quiz for the class to take. Your quiz should not be exactly verbatim from your handout or presentation, but it should be close. You need to create an answer key to the quiz that you create. It is a good idea to have a range of questions from matching, to fill in the blank, to true false, to multiple choice. Make sure that your quiz is formatted in a way that makes sense.

**Grade:** This project will be graded as a group. At the end of this project you will fill out a group evaluation as well that could affect your grade. Please take responsibility for the part that you volunteer for. The total project will be out of 40 points (10 points per area of focus). If your group goes above and beyond, there is opportunity for extra credit.

 Due Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_