

The trip to ancient linguistics

WebQuest Description: this project is devoted to the one of the topics in the theory of linguistics: the history of linguistics and the comparative analysis

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Introduction

Hello! We need your help! We look for researchers of ancient linguistics who will help the European University to find out the facts of Indian, Arabic, Romanian and Greek linguistics and define the role of ancient linguistics for its further development.

Tasks

You are famous European researchers of ancient linguistics. And your university has given you a special task to conduct a research of Indian, Greek, Romanian and Arabian linguistics.

You will make a virtual trip to different ancient places, will know the names of people who found out different approaches of linguistics in ancient times, you will see the development of those countries at that period of time and you define the main achievements of ancient linguistics and its influence on modern approaches. You will use your research to prepare your persuasive paper to report your findings. It will be an article for a scientific journal of linguistics. As a team you will make a PowerPoint presentation to report to the community and offer your point of view at this problem. Good luck in your research!

Process

Step 1. (2 weeks) Divide into 4 groups: Group 1 analyzes the information about Indian linguistics, Group 2 analyzes the information about Greek linguistics, Group 3 analyzes the information about Romanian linguistics, Group 4 analyzes the information about Arabian linguistics. After that you should present your information in PowerPoint presentations. Your presentations should include: 1) the information about civilizations, 2) the information about the development of civilizations, 3) the information about the names who began studies of linguistics, 4) the information about the achievements of linguistic studies at that period of time.
Step 2. (1 week) Analyze the information presented on YouTube video (part - Introduction and Task) and be ready to have a brainstorming discussion devoted to the birth of language studies.
Step 3. (2 weeks) You should write a collective paper for a scientific journal of linguistics devoted to the influence of ancient linguistics on its further development. Your paper should be for no less than 5-7 pages. You should write an annotation for 1 passage. You should suggest your article to the students of other groups to evaluate your article using the poll presented on the page Evaluation.

Evaluation

Here you can see the table with different kinds of your job's evaluation.

| Category and Score | Beginning | Developing | Very good | Exemplary | Score |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------|
| To carry out independent research on the computer | Can access links to find out information. | Can access links and browse through subsequent pages from those links | Can access all the links and find out relevant information relating to the task. | Can access all the links and scan the information to extract key points. | 10 |
| Ability to participate in discussions | Struggles to contribute to group discussions | Beginning to listen to others and can put own ideas forward | Is willing to share ideas and respects others opinions | Holds leadership in discussions and is able to keep purposeful discussion flowing. | 10 |

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| Power Point | Includes less than 10 slides with very little information and graphics. Very little appeal to audiences. | Includes 10 slides with information and few graphics. Little appeal to audience. | Includes 15 slides with some information and some graphics. Somewhat appealing to audience. | Includes 20 slides with information and graphics. Very appealing to audience | 20 |
| An article for a scientific journal | The article is not completed and contains a lot of grammar and spelling mistakes. it is not well structured. | The article as not very informative but contains less grammar errors | The article is rather informative and contains no more than 5 grammar errors. | the article is logically structured and contains no more than 1 -2 grammar errors. | 10 |
| | | | | Total Score | |

Conclusion

Now you have come to the end of your journey to the world of ancient linguistics. Congrats, hooray, let's celebrate, you've done a good job and your project looks great! Thanks a lot for your participation in this project!

Teacher Page

Hello teachers,

Welcome to my WebQuest. A major reason for creating this WebQuest is because of today's push for a more global look. The students in our classrooms will be getting jobs that have not yet been created and these jobs could take them all over the world. Enjoy this webquest!!!

Standards

Credits

Other