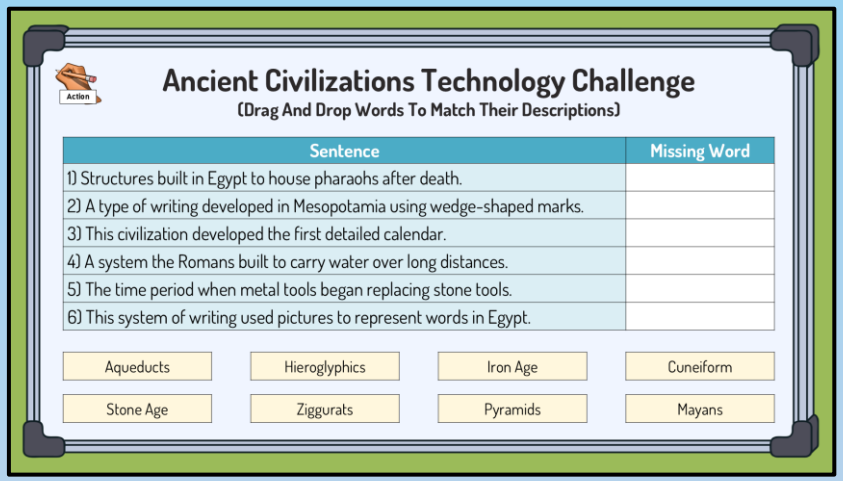
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3-Part Lesson Format

Part 1 – Minds On!

- Learning Goals
- Discussion Questions
- Why Math Is Important
- And More!



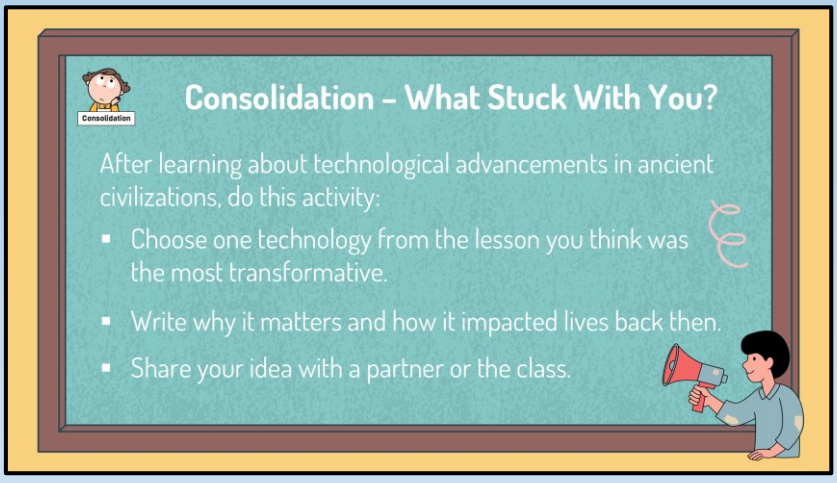


Part 2 – Action!

- Questions
- Matching
- Drag and Drop
- Videos
- And More!

Part 3 – Consolidation!

- Exit Cards
- Word Problems
- Quizzes
- Student Created Quizzes



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Taxes In Ancient Times

MINDS ON

LEARNING GOAL

We are learning to **understand the purpose of taxes in ancient societies** so we can **explain how they helped civilizations grow and improve people's lives.**



...erstanding Taxes In Ancient Societies

Action

Protection & Security	Public Services	Power & Wealth

Drag and drop each tax-funded service into the category where it was most important.

- Funding public celebrations and festivals
- Constructing temples and religious sites
- Maintaining city walls and forts
- Providing food for rulers and priests
- Paying soldiers to guard cities
- Building roads and bridges

Discussion Activity: Two Truths And A Lie

MINDS ON

Here are two groups of statements about authoritarian governments. Can you spot the lie in each group?

Group 1	1) In an authoritarian government, only one person has total power over the country.	2) The people in an authoritarian government get to vote on the leader.	3) The ruler makes all the decisions for the country, and people must follow them.
Group 2	1) In an authoritarian government, leaders often control the army and police to maintain power.	2) The ruler makes all the laws, and people must follow them without question.	3) The ruler allows the people to make important decisions about laws and policies.

Think about what you know, discuss your guess with a partner, and share your answer with the class! Let's uncover the truth together!

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