

Thesis Argument Organizer

Research Topic: *Untold History: Discovering the Truth*

Thesis Statement: As new information is discovered about the timeline of early civilizations, the mainstream scientific community rejects the unknown and puts the process of discovering the truth into the hands of the people.

Essential Background Information for Introduction:

Schools across the world continue to teach that the first major civilizations began to emerge roughly 7000 years ago (5000 BC). With new carbon dating technology, there has been multiple instances in recent years where older artifacts have been discovered that could possibly point to a civilization that could have existed up to 15,000 years ago. As a society that is afraid of the unknown, many people reject new information. However, as more and more comes into the spotlight, it is hard to ignore the facts.

Topic/Argument/Discussion 1:

Before I get into the exciting stuff, I'll talk a little bit about how the scientific community has recently fallen victim to the concept of "groupthink." (I won't spend too much time on it)

*Provide in-text citation!

Schmidt, Anna. "Groupthink." Encyclopædia Britannica, 26 May 2016,

www.britannica.com/science/groupthink. Accessed 17 Oct. 2019.

Explanation

As a world that is becoming more and more connected, it is easy for the scientific community to form interest groups that no longer accept anything than what they believe in. Even those who don't necessarily agree with what's happening will accept everything as true.

Evidence/Quotes:

People begin to accept viewpoints/conclusions that the group comes up with (Schmidt para. 1)

Other group members don't always agree with the conclusion that is being drawn (Schmidt para. 1)

People are often afraid to disagree (Schmidt para. 1)

Explanation

The fear of the unknown leads people to reject any information that is unfamiliar to them. This can be seen happening today.

Evidence/Quotes:

Members refuse to seek out any other information and stick to what they know (Schmidt para. 4)

There is a narrow frame of mind and only

	what is included in that frame is ever talked about (Schmidt para. 4)
Explanation This is important because it can lead to a lack of growth and can even cause new discoveries to be completely forgotten. History is all about discovering the truth and it is hard to do so with the plague of groupthink.	Evidence /Quotes: Once an alternative is forgotten, nobody pays attention to it and it is eventually lost forever (Schmidt para. 4) Shows up in many different areas of study when new information is found in that certain field (Schmidt para. 3) The presence of “mindguards” who act as barriers to alternative or negative information (Schmidt para. 4)

Topic/Argument/Discussion 2: In the next part of the presentation I will transition from why groupthink is important to what people are familiar with today. What we’re taught in school never really changes. We always hear how the Sumerians were the first major civilization. (Our story starts with an example of groupthink)	*Provide in-text citation! Mark, Joshua. "Sumerians ." Ancient History Encyclopedia , 9 Oct. 2019, www.ancient.eu/Sumerians/ . Accessed 17 Dec. 2019.
Explanation The Sumerian people of Mesopotamia are considered to be the first complex civilization. The scientific community tells us that they were the first to do many different things including cities and complex structures.	Evidence/Quotes: [The Sumerians] lived in southern Mesopotamia between 4100-1750 BC (Mark para. 1) Sumerians were responsible for many innovations, inventions, and concepts (Mark para. 2)
Explanation Nobody knows exactly where the civilization came from. The origins of the people have never been discovered.	Evidence/Quotes: Nobody knows where the Sumerians came from (Mark para. 4) The origins of the people of the Ubaid Era are unknown (Mark para. 5)
Explanation	Evidence /Quotes:

Topic/Argument/Discussion 3: After discussing the Sumerian people I will lead into why what they	*Provide in-text citation! Voosen, Paul. "Massive Crater
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<p>already know is wrong. This is where I will introduce the impact crater that was discovered in Greenland and the younger dryas theory. My goal here is to convince the audience that this is the major event that my presentation was based on and the impact is why we know so little about ancient people.</p>	<p>under Greenland's Ice Points to Climate-Altering Impact in the Time of Humans." Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 14 Nov. 2018, www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/11/massive-crater-under-greenland-s-ice-points-climate-altering-impact-time-humans. Accessed 8 Oct. 2019.</p>
<p>Explanation There has been a large crater discovered that indicates that a meteor big enough to cause a mass level extinction event hit the earth much more recently than anticipated</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes: Some researchers believe that the crater could be around 13,000 years old - the perfect time to back up theories (Voosen para. 3) Mammoths and other large animals were in decline and people were spreading across North America (Voosen para. 3)</p>
<p>Explanation The scale of the impact would have been catastrophic in terms of life on earth</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes: People within 500 kilometers of the initial impact would have been in for a light show (Voosen para. 4) Animals and people hundreds of kilometers away would have felt a shockwave (Voosen para. 4) People would hear a deafening “clap” (Voosen para. 4) Explosion had the power of 700 1-megaton bombs (Voosen para. 4)</p>
<p>Explanation I would finish discussing the crater with one of the most important details - how the impact would have affected the world and everything living on it in terms of the environment (Younger Dryas)</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes: The Younger Dryas theory Cooling even that was more than 1000 years long from start to finish (Voosen para 6)</p>

	<p>Event began roughly 12,800 years ago - about the same time that the last ice age was ending (Voosen para. 6)</p> <p>Researchers had the idea that the impacts caused wildfires across two continents and lead to extinction of large mammals and even the Clovis people (Voosen para. 6)</p>
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<p>Topic/Argument/Discussion 4:</p> <p>I will use the crater to then introduce the fact that this means that there was a massive level extinction event while there were humans walking the earth. More specifically, I will discuss the clovis culture and even the people before the clovis people.</p>	<p>*Provide in-text citation!</p> <p>Wade, Lizzie. "Most Archaeologists Think the First Americans Arrived by Boat."</p> <p>Sciencemag, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 10 Aug. 2007, www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/08/most-archaeologists-think-first-americans-arrived-boat-now-they-re-beginning-prove-it. Accessed 20 Nov. 2019.</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>We are told that Sumerians are the first complex society when there was a group of hunter gatherers that were in America long before the Sumerians ever settled.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Many scientists believed that the first Americans were not fishermen, they were hunter gatherers who hunted big game animals (Wade para. 10)</p> <p>It was once believed that the first people arrived here by a gap in the ice age glaciers in canada (Wade para. 5)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>The truth is that there may have been even more advanced people before the clovis culture ever began in America.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Glaciers didn't clear up until around 16,000 years ago - people came over roughly 2,000 years before that (Wade para. 11)</p> <p>Sites discovered that pre-date the clovis people by 1,000-5,000 years (Wade para. 9)</p>

<p>Explanation</p> <p>The people before the clovis people may have been even more advanced than the Sumerians. The people of North America also disappeared as quickly as they arrived.</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes:</p> <p>New theory suggests that the first people had to have come over to America by sea from Beringia (Wade para. 5)</p> <p>Not only were Clovis people not first to arrive - also believed now that the first people didn't come by land (Wade para. 11)</p> <p>Discovery of ancient medicinal seaweed that dates back 14,000 years (Wade para. 12)</p>
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<p>Topic/Argument/Discussion 5:</p> <p>I could then use the extinction of animals to then prove that the impact crater does indicate that there was a major impact on the ancient world when the meteor hit (Possibly mention the overkill hypothesis here). It is also important to mention how the sites have little to no proof of anything related to the overkill hypothesis.</p>	<p>*Provide in-text citation!</p> <p>Batter, Michael. "What Killed the Great Beasts of North America?" Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 28 Jan. 2014,</p> <p>www.sciencemag.org/news/2014/01/what-killed-great-beasts-north-america.</p> <p>Accessed 15 Oct. 2019.</p> <p>Grayson, Donald K., and David J. Meltzer. "Clovis Hunting and Large Mammal Extinction: A Critical Review of the Evidence." Journal of World Prehistory, vol. 16, no. 4, Dec. 2002, pp. 313–359. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1023/A:1022912030020.</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Now around the same time that there were people disappearing in America, there was multiple extinctions of large Animals occurring at the same time.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>11,000 years ago, countless animals that no longer live roamed North America (Batter para. 1)</p> <p>36 animals were extinct - only 2 of which were actually killed and hunted by people (Batter para. 2)</p>

<p>Explanation</p> <p>Some people suggest that the extinction events possibly were caused by overhunting by the people in the area at the time - This has become known as the overkill hypothesis.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Overlap between period of time where humans arrived and when the animals went extinct (Batter para. 2)</p> <p>36 animals were extinct - only 2 of which were actually killed and hunted by people (Batter para. 2)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Further research of 76 specific sites eventually proved that the overkill hypothesis never made sense. There was little evidence to back up the hypothesis and no bones of any animals were really found at Clovis sites.</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes:</p> <p>14 out of 76 sites only show strong evidence of the clovis people hunting such animals that went extinct (Grayson para. 1)</p> <p>47 of the initial 76 sites failed to produce evidence of any kind of association (Grayson para. 15)</p> <p>The result provides “little support” for the assertion that big-game hunting was a main cause of extinction (Grayson page 36)</p>

<p>Topic/Argument/Discussion 6:</p> <p>All signs point to the fact that the Earth experienced something catastrophic not too long ago. Many Ancient sites prove that a meteor struck while modern people were walking the Earth. (Göbekli Tepe)</p>	<p>*Provide in-text citation!</p> <p>MacDonald, Fiona. "Ancient Carvings in Turkey Show a Comet Swarm Hitting Earth." Science Alert , 22 Apr. 2017, www.sciencealert.com/ ancient-stone-carvings-show-a-comet-hitting-earth-in-10-950-bc-and-changing-civilisation-forever. Accessed 21 Nov. 2019.</p> <p>Haughton, Brian M. "Gobekli Tepe - the World's First Temple?" Ancient History Encyclopedia , Ancient History Encyclopedia Foundation , 4 May</p>
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	<p>2011,</p> <p>www.ancient.eu/article/234/gobekli-tepe---the-worlds-first-temple/. Accessed 19 Nov. 2019.</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>One specific temple shows promise in unlocking the secrets of a passed that has been clouded in mystery. This temple depicts many different aspects of human life in the past through carvings and drawings on pillars that are arranged in a specific shape.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Dated to around 11,000-12,000 years ago (Haughton para. 1)</p> <p>Megaliths at the site show countless symbols and other evidence of a culture that could have existed (Haughton para. 4)</p> <p>At this point there was only hunter-gatherers that were seen as incapable of constructing a site like this (Haughton para. 1)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>One specific megalith depicts a cosmic impact. This is exactly what I've been talking about the entire time. With the site being between 10,000 and 12,000 years old, this perfectly fits the script.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>One specific stone at the Göbekli Tepe site in Turkey may confirm that there in fact was a cosmic impact that took place (MacDonald para. 1)</p> <p>Based on the carving, the symbols suggest that an impact occurred around 10,900 years ago (MacDonald para. 2)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Further research of the structure and the carvings prove that the people who constructed the temple were may more advanced than anticipated. This adds to my assertion that this impact was devastating and wiped out a highly capable group of people. The animals depicted even match up to constellations that could have been seen in the night sky during their time.</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes:</p> <p>Evidence suggests that the structure was an observatory (MacDonald para. 6)</p> <p>Scientists cross-checked the event with maps of the solar system from around that time (MacDonald para. 2)</p> <p>The comet that hit Earth must have arrived around 30,000 years ago so astronomy might be way more ancient than anticipated (MacDonald para. 12)</p> <p>At first the different animals gave scientists trouble - soon realized that the symbols correspond to constellations (MacDonald para. 10)</p>
Topic/Argument/Discussion 7:	*Provide in-text citation!

<p>The flood stories across different ancient civilizations all are very similar in the way that they are told and many details fit the description of the previously mentioned younger dryas theory.</p> <p>*The evidence is overwhelming, there is no way that these stories are all so similar by chance.</p>	<p>Spar, Ira. "Flood Stories." The Met, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Apr. 2008,</p> <p>www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/flood/hd_flood.htm. Accessed 15 Nov. 2019.</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>There are countless civilizations that have ancient stories of floods that once swept over the land. We all know Noah's Ark but there are even more stories to be heard around the world.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Story of Noah's Ark has been taught all around the world - many other civilizations have very similar stories (Spar para. 6)</p> <p>Longer version of the story can be found on the 11th tablet of the Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic (Spar para. 5)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>One specific story, the Sumerian story relates to a list of kings (known as the King list) that dates back hundreds of thousands of years. In the tale, there were eight legendary rulers that ruled for over 200,000 years before the gods sent a "great flood." This flood essentially was sent to destroy mankind and act as a reset.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Eight legendary rulers ruled for 241,200 years before "the flood swept over" (Spar. para. 2)</p> <p>There was a tablet known as the Sumerian King List (Spar. para. 2)</p> <p>Gods decided to destroy mankind (Spar para. 2)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Although it seems crazy to compare all of these ancient tales, they all have one very important aspect in common. Each tale speaks of a civilization of people that came before this flood that was wiped out.</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes:</p> <p>Every civilization story mentions some kind of people before them that lived on Earth before a "great flood" (Spar para. 7)</p> <p>All stories cannot just be made up - there are countless similarities that can be traced around the world (Spar para. 7)</p>

<p>Topic/Argument/Discussion 8:</p> <p>There is a lot of evidence littered around the world of a past that is full of mystery. With new discoveries happening every single day, it is hard to keep up with the story that is unfolding. It is just a matter of finding the information yourself.</p>	<p>*Provide in-text citation!</p> <p>Housden, Tom. "Lost City 'could Rewrite History.'" BBC News, MIII, 19 Jan. 2002,</p> <p>news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/1768109.stm. Accessed 11 Dec. 2019.</p> <p>Andrews, Evan. "Vast Underground</p>
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	<p>City Found in Turkey May Be One of the World's Largest." History, A&E Television Networks, 22 Aug. 2018, www.history.com/news/vast-underground-city-found-in-turkey-may-be-one-of-the-worlds-largest.</p> <p>Accessed 9 Dec. 2019.</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>One city recently discovered off the coast of India shows signs of an entire lost civilization. Everything about it matches what I just discussed. With connections like it is hard not to believe.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Archaeological remains discovered in the Gulf of Cambay (Housden para. 1)</p> <p>The whole model of the origins of civilization that has been believed for so many years has to be remade from scratch (Housden para. 13)</p> <p>Believed that the area was SUBMERGED around 11,000 years ago (Housden para. 16)</p>
<p>Explanation</p> <p>There are even larger cities that people don't know about that can be found underground in Turkey. With the age not really known it is another mystery that never sees the light of day.</p>	<p>Evidence/Quotes:</p> <p>Tunnel passages over seven kilometers long are being discussed as possibly there (Andrews para. 2)</p> <p>Some sections could be as old as 5,000 years ago but are expected to be a lot longer than that (Andrews para. 3)</p> <p>Some estimates say this new city can hold more than that [20,000 people] (Andrews para. 3)</p>
<p>Explanation</p>	<p>Evidence /Quotes:</p>