Using PowerPoint as a Postcard Presentation!

Example:
Mexico
Making your postcards

- "Insert" a BLANK slide layout – no text box, picture box, or title bar.

- "Insert" a line in the middle for your postcard layout.

- Insert a text box to type your information relating to your topic. On the right hand side of the line.

- Insert a picture of a stamp – Do a clip art search for "postage stamps" and remember you are in Mexico.

- Duplicate this slide for a total of 17 slides. (Right Click)
Making your postcards (continued)

- To insert your picture that represents your slide, choose "insert, picture". You can search for pictures on the internet to match your postcard content and save it to your Social Studies folder.

- Insert the picture and drag to change the size so it fits your postcard.

- Insert a text box near your picture as a caption describing what is in your picture.
Project Requirements

- Overall requirements:
  - You must have at least 5 slides PER civilization. An intro slide, a daily life/lifestyle slide, an achievements slide that includes how the civilization ended, a location/landscape slide, and a religion slide.
  - You must have one introductory/title slide for the whole project.
  - You must have an ending slide saying your name, hour, and date.

- Layout requirements:
  - Each slide must contain a picture with a caption stating what/where it is.
  - Each slide must contain a postage stamp, and postcard outline, and written text.

Total slides: 17 slides
Project Requirements
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- Information requirements:
  - You must discuss lifestyle, achievements, religions and location of each civilization on your five slides.
  - Each slide must contain 3 facts minimum about the topic.
  - The picture must match what you are talking about (ex: achievements in medicine might have a picture relating to medicine; building projects might show a picture of their temples or pyramids)

- Transitions and Animations requirements:
  - You may use text transitions on the intro slide or final slide or both.
  - You may use one animation on the intro slide, final side, or both.
  - No transitions or animations on the postcards themselves.
  - ONE FONT must be used on the entire slide show.
The Mayas were the first to make a permanent pigment, which they used for painting.

Out of the many glyphs the Mayans created, there were some glyphs that were more commonly used over others.

Dear Vassar,

The Mayas had accomplished so much! They had devised the Solar Year and used highly accurate calendars. Mayas also painted with a mixture consisting of minerals and plants. The language was also advanced. In fact, the created hundreds of glyphs! That’s a lot compared to our 26 lettered alphabet!

Love,
Athena
Dear Mom and Dad,

I just got done hiking in the mountains of the Mayan civilization. The southern part of this civilization is mountainous and covered with pine forests. The northern part is part grassland, part rain forest, and swampy in some areas. I'm glad I brought tennis shoes, because the Mayan civilization stretches from the southern part of Mexico, through Guatemala and Belize, to the northern part of El Salvador and Honduras. I better get going if I want to see the rain forest before it gets dark!

Love, Anna
Dear Mom and Dad,

I am currently taking a trip to the civilizations of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec. We are learning about each of them in school. I hope I get to experience what it was like to live there. I will keep you posted on the latest news as we arrive at each civilization. I will send you more postcards as I reach each destination.

Love, Anna