**Discussion Assignment**

**The Greeks and the Romans took pride in their culture. Although the present era has been influenced by their ideas and philosophy, we see a number of loopholes into it.**

**Imagine that you have a chance to tell a Greek or Roman citizen that the present era is a better time to be alive compared to the ancient period in history. What arguments would you use to convince them?**

Discussion in terms of political structure, science, art, and economic development.

*Your Discussion should be a minimum of 200 words in length and not more than 500 words. Please include a word count. Following the APA standard, use references and in-text citations for the textbook and any other sources.*

Hi Greek or Roman citizen, I wish to have an objective discussion comparing the ancient era to modern times. While your cultures achieved remarkable feats in philosophy, art, and governance that still influence us today, the present period has also made substantial advancements worth considering.

In the political realm, your democratic principles were ground-breaking, but modern societies have expanded representation, rights, and inclusion for more segments of the population. Rule by autocrats and the institution of slavery were accepted norms in your time but are now widely condemned (Kishlansky et al., 2005).

The scientific and medical knowledge of the present dwarfs that of antiquity. We have unlocked deeper understandings of the natural world, universe, and human body. Advanced medicine has cured or prevented countless diseases, significantly increasing life expectancy (Spielvogel, 2016). Revolutionary technologies have transformed daily life in ways unimaginable in your era.

Artistically, while ancient Greece and Rome produced masterpieces still revered today, the modern age celebrates a kaleidoscope of diverse artistic expressions drawing from global cultural influences. Art has become more democratized and accessible across social strata (Stokstad & Cothren, 2018).

Economically, innovations in transportation and communication have enabled globalization - creating an unprecedented exchange of goods, services, ideas, and cooperation between nations that has raised standards of living (Marks, 2007).

Your civilizations provided foundational building blocks. But one could objectively argue the present era has used those footings to construct expansive new realms of human progress and improved living conditions compared to ancient times.

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