

POW #1

Due Monday 6/11/07

Your job is simply to find a system of measurement other than the two (metric and standard) we studied in class. Then you need to write a two page paper, double spaced, about what you found.

What is meant by a system of measurement?

Basically, it is a standardized way in which a society can measure things. The most common standards measure length, volume, time and weight. (The system of measurement you describe might not include standards for *all* of these four--length, volume, time and weight--but find as many of the four as you can.) Usually there are different standards that measure the same thing, but for different orders of magnitude (e.g. the ounce and the pound).

Where can I find another system of measurement?

Recall from class that the "foot" we use was based on the length of the foot of King Henry I. He was around in the 12th century. The pyramids were built thousands of years prior. So a good bet is that the builders of the pyramids did not use Henry's foot in their construction. What, then, did they use? How about other ancient civilizations?

What should the paper include?

There are really only three parts required for this paper:

Description

A few paragraphs describing who developed your system of measurement, where it was used and when it was used. Interesting facts about how the measurements were derived would also be nice.

Conversion Charts

At least two tables are required: A table much like Table 2.2 in the book that shows how to convert within the system (e.g. feet to yards). Another table like Table 2.6 that shows how to convert your system into **USCS measurement** (not metric).

Citations

A bibliography of where you found your information. It does not have to in MBA style or anything like that; just tell me enough so that I can find it if I wanted.