

Course Description:

This course explores early civilizations, from ancient Greek society to the beginning of the Silk Road.

Students will study the geographical, political, social, and economic foundations of early civilizations. They'll examine the geography, early history, cultural development, and economic changes of civilizations like Rome, Persia, and China. The geographic focus will include the study of physical and political maps, economic development and resources, and migration patterns. Students will also study the development of philosophies and religions like Judaism, Christianity, Confucianism, and Taoism. Students' final grades will be based on their performance in a variety of assessment types: Workbooks, Discussion Boards, Checkpoints, a Final Exam, and a multistep project.

Major Concepts

- Greece
- Democracy
- Persians
- Rome
- China
- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Confucianism

Course Objectives:

- Examine the importance of geography and maps in the ancient world.
- Trace the development and expansion of democracy in the ancient world.
- Examine the roles and achievements of leaders.
- Explain the importance of art, architecture, language, and literature to a society.
- Compare and contrast life in Athens and Sparta.
- Explain important advancements in societies.
- Describe the characteristics of society, including political, economic, and social.
- Examine the relationship between religion and social order.
- Examine how resources affect how people interact.
- Reexamine unit concepts by reviewing previous lessons.
- Examine primary and secondary sources for bias and credibility.

Required Materials:

In course.

Schedule of Work:

Unit 1: Ancient Greece: Geography, Government, and Culture

- Lesson 1: Geography of Ancient Greece
- Lesson 2: Early Government in Athens
- Lesson 3: Athens under Pericles
- Lesson 4: Greek Mythology

- Lesson 5: Greek Literature

Unit 2: Rise and Fall of a Greek Empire

- Lesson 6: The Persian Wars
- Lesson 7: Athens vs. Sparta
- Lesson 8: Alexander the Great's Empire
- Lesson 9: Philosophy and Science in Greece
- Lesson 10: Math, Engineering and Architecture in Greece

Unit 3: Ancient Rome

- Lesson 11: Roman Beginnings
- Lesson 12: Roman Government and Economy
- Lesson 13: Fall of the Republic
- Lesson 14: Roman Cultural Achievements
- Lesson 15: Judaism and Christianity

Unit 4: The First Chinese Civilizations

- Lesson 16: Chinese River Valley Civilizations
- Lesson 17: Shang Dynasty
- Lesson 18: The Zhou Dynasty
- Lesson 19: Confucianism
- Lesson 20: Taoism and Legalism

Unit 5: Qin and Han Dynasties

- Lesson 21: The Qin Dynasty
- Lesson 22: The Han Build an Empire
- Lesson 23: Han Achievements
- Lesson 24: Life in Han China
- Lesson 25: Buddhism and the Silk Roads

Unit 6: Review and Final Exam

- Lesson 26: Unit 1 Review
- Lesson 27: Unit 2 Review
- Lesson 28: Unit 3 Review, Vocabulary Review
- Lesson 29: Unit 4 Review, Vocabulary Exam
- Lesson 30: Unit 5 Review, Final Exam