

6th Grade World History Course Outline
World History and Geography: Ancient Civilizations
2016-2017

Trimester 1

August – September

Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization

Chapter 1: Investigating the Past

Chapter 2: Early Hominids

Chapter 3: From Hunters and Gatherers to Farmers

Chapter 4: The Rise of Sumerian City-States

Chapter 5: Ancient Sumer

Chapter 6: Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia

6.1 – Students describe what is known through archaeological studies of the early physical and cultural development of humankind from the Paleolithic era to the agricultural revolution.

October – November

Ancient Egypt and the Middle East

Chapter 7: Geography/Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan

Chapter 8: The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs

Chapter 9: Daily Life in Ancient Egypt

Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Kush

Chapter 11: The Origins of Judaism

Chapter 12: Learning About World Religions: Judaism

6.1 – Students describe what is known through archaeological studies of the early physical and cultural development of humankind from the Paleolithic era to the agricultural revolution.

6.2 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Kush.

6.3 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the Ancient Hebrews.

Trimester 2

November – December

Ancient India

Chapter 13: Geography/Early Settlement of India

Chapter 14: Unlocking the Secrets of Mohenjodaro

Chapter 15: Learning About World Religions: Hinduism

Chapter 16: Learning About World Religions: Buddhism
Chapter 17: The First Unification of India
Chapter 18: The Achievements of the Gupta Empire

6.5 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of India.

January – February

Ancient China

Chapter 19: Geography/Early Settlement of China
Chapter 20: The Shang Dynasty
Chapter 21: Three Chinese Philosophies
Chapter 22: The First Emperor of China
Chapter 23: The Han Dynasty
Chapter 24: The Silk Road

6.6 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of China.

March – April

Ancient Greece

Chapter 25: Geography/Settlement of Greece
Chapter 26: The Rise of Democracy

Trimester 3

Chapter 27: Life in Two-City States: Athens and Sparta
Chapter 28: Fighting the Persian Wars
Chapter 29: The Golden Age of Athens
Chapter 30: Alexander the Great and His Empire
Chapter 31: The Legacy of Ancient Greece

6.4 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of Ancient Greece.

May – June

Ancient Rome

Chapter 32: Geography/Early Development of Rome
Chapter 33: The Rise of the Roman Republic
Chapter 34: From Republic to Empire
Chapter 35: Daily Life in the Roman Empire
Chapter 36: The Origins and Spread of Christianity
Chapter 37: Learning About World Religions: Christianity

Chapter 38: The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World

6.7 – Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures during the development of Rome.