



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



7th Grade Ancient World History
Course #

General Information

Credits: N/A
Weighted: N/A
Prerequisite: N/A

Length: Full Year
Format: Meets Daily
Grade: 7th

This Radnor Middle School seventh grade course analyzes the development of ancient civilizations from the beginning of pre-history through the development of river and trade civilizations, the ancient empires, and up to the Age of Exploration. The course is divided into four thematic units: The Individual & Society, Religion & Warfare, Economics & Technology, and Systems of Government. The curriculum was created in accordance with Common Core Standards and the Pennsylvania Standards for Social Studies: Civics and Government, Economics, History, and Geography.

Course Objectives:

Students will be able to analyze and discuss the following essential questions:

- How is an individual's role in society determined?
- How do religious beliefs impact culture?
- What drives a culture's social, economic, and technological development?
- How and why do societies create, enforce, and interpret their system of laws?
- How does the past influence the present? How do we know what happened in the past?
- How does geography influence the development of a culture?

Enduring Understandings:

- Characteristics such as wealth, gender, and race affect an individual's place in society.
- Multiple factors drive progress and technological advancement.
- All organized societies form a government to control individuals' behavior.
- Present culture grows from the roots of past civilizations' ideological and technological development.
- History is understood through the interpretation of sources.
- Humans adapt to their environment.

Common Assessments:

Unit II
Performance of Cultural Values

Unit III
Connecting Religions Trifold

Unit IV
Ancient Civilizations Marketplace

Unit V
World Cup Government Debate

Written Language Benchmark (WLB)

Major Units of Study:

Unit I
Beginnings of Human Society

Unit II
Individual & Society

Unit III
Religion & Warfare

Unit IV
Economics & Technology

Unit V
Systems of Government

Materials & Texts

Textbooks

- to be determined

Other Resources

- “Aztecs” (Publisher: Kids Discover)
- Giblin, James. Riddle of the Rosetta Stone
- “Incas” (Publisher: Kids Discover)
- Macaulay, David. Motel of Mysteries
- “Mayans” (Publisher: Kids Discover)
- Mellor, Ronald & Amanda Podany. The World in Ancient Times Primary Sources & Reference Volume.
- Sammis, Kathy. Focus on World History The Era of Expanding Exchange and Encounter 300-1000 C.E.
- Sammis, Kathy. Focus on World History The Era of Expanding Global Connections 1000-1500 C.E.
- Sammis, Kathy. Focus on World History The Era of Early Civilizations and Empires 3.5 Million Years Ago to the 300s C.E.
- Teachers’ Curriculum Institute History Alive Latin America
- Teachers’ Curriculum Institute History Alive: Modern Africa
- Skrabanek, D.W. Voices from Primary Sources
- Videos and movies
 - Nova video The Iceman
- Various Internet websites

Summer Assignment

Currently N/A