

Unit 1: 8000 B.C. to 2500 B.C.

Lesson 1: The First Civilizations

Topic 1: Eight Defining Features of Civilizations

Topic 2: Archeological Ages, Artifacts, Tools, and Dating

Topic 3: The Paleolithic/Old Stone and Neolithic/New Stone Ages

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Identify Ways in Which Artifact Study Can Contribute to the Understanding of Present Day Events
- Lesson 1 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 2: The Orkney Islands–Scotland

Topic 1: The Climate and Geography of the Orkney Islands

Topic 2: The First Neolithic Settlements–Skara Brae and Barnhouse

Topic 3: The People, Culture, and Customs of Ancient British Isle Inhabitants

Topic 4: The Colonization of North Scotland

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Identify Permanent Structures Developed by Ancient Civilizations and Their Present Day Significance
- Lesson 2 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 3: Sumerian Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography, Climate, and Agriculture of the Fertile Crescent (Sumer)

Topic 2: The City-States and Social Structure of Sumer

Topic 3: The Culture, Transportation, Accomplishments, Architecture, and Religion of Sumer

Topic 4: The Akkadian Conquering of Sumer

Topic 5: The Akkadian Empire

Lesson Discussion:

- Topic: Compare and Contrast Ancient and Modern Social Structures

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Compare the Changes in Today's Cultures and Civilizations to Those Thousands of Years Ago
- Lesson 3 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 4: Ancient Egyptian Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography of Egypt and North Africa

Topic 2: The History, Government, Architecture, and Royalty of Ancient Egypt

Topic 3: The People, Artifacts, Religion, and Writings of Ancient Egypt

Topic 4: The Evolution of Egypt and the New Kingdom

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Examine the Ancient Use of Hieroglyphics; Identify at Least Ten Present Day Examples
- Lesson 4 Self-Check Quiz

Unit Assignments and Assessments:

- Unit 1 Exam

Unit 2: 2500 B.C. to 1000 B.C.

Lesson 1: The Civilizations of India

Topic 1: The Geography, Climate, and Weather of the Indus Valley

Topic 2: The Lost Civilization of the Indus River Valley

Topic 3: The Architecture, Transportation, Industry, Trade, Literature, and Art of the Harappan Civilization

Topic 4: The Decline of the Indus Valley Civilization

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Analyze the Physical Evidence Left Behind by Earlier Civilizations and Assess Its Significance**
- **Lesson 1 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 2: The First Civilizations of Central Mexico

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of the Mexican Gulf Coast and Central America

Topic 2: Early North American Agriculture

Topic 3: The Architecture, Artifacts, Natural Resources, Religion, Art, Writings, and Sport of the Olmec Civilization

Topic 4: Influences on the Olmec Civilization

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Identify Similarities and/or Connections Between Ancient Civilizations**
- **Lesson 2 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 3: The First Civilizations of Ancient China

Topic 1: The Geography, Artistry, Culture, and Accomplishments of Ancient China

Topic 2: The Origins of the Shang Dynasty

Topic 3: The Artisans, Merchants, Astronomers, Writers, and Religious Leaders of the Shang Dynasty

Topic 4: The Fall of the Shang Dynasty

Lesson Discussion:

- **Topic: Compare and Contrast the Status of Women in Ancient and Modern Civilizations**

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Examine the Origin and Evolution of Silk Manufacturing; Identify Present Day Uses for the Fabric**
- **Lesson 3 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 4: The First Civilizations of Ancient Greece

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of Greece

Topic 2: The Artifacts, Legends, and Architecture of the Minoan Civilization

Topic 3: The Architecture, People, Economy, Industry, Culture, Writings, and Artwork of the Minoan Civilization

Topic 4: The Decline of the Minoan Civilization and the Rise and Fall of the Mycenaean Civilization

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Evaluate the Impact of Natural Disasters on Present Day Civilizations From a Future Perspective**
- **Lesson 4 Self-Check Quiz**

Unit Assignments and Assessments:

- **Unit 2 Exam**

Unit 3: 1000 B.C. to 500 B.C.

Lesson 1: Early Babylonian, Hittite, Assyrian, Chaldean, and Persian Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of Mesopotamia

Topic 2: The Ironworking Technology of the Hittite Civilization

Topic 3: The Society, Government, Culture, and Military of the Assyrian Civilization

Topic 4: The Revival, Ruling, Architectural Wonders, and Scientific Discoveries of Ancient Mesopotamia and Babylon

Topic 5: The Settlement, Government, Economy, and Religion of Ancient Persia

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Examine the Secrecy Behind Early Ironworking Technology; Identify Modern Technological Secrets**
- **Lesson 1 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 2: Early Phoenician and Hebrew Civilizations

Topic 1: The Ideology, Culture, Religion, Manufacturing, Trade, Alphabet, and Artifacts of Phoenician Civilizations

Topic 2: The History, Culture, and Religion of Hebrew Civilizations

Topic 3: The Rise of Judaism as a Major Religion

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Evaluate the Qualities of Early Civilizations in Terms of Their Influence on Successive Generations**
- **Lesson 2 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 3: Indo-Aryan Civilizations

Topic 1: The Migration of Indo-European Civilizations

Topic 2: The Origin, Expansion, Agriculture, and Government of Early Indo-Aryan Civilizations

Topic 3: The Emergence, Writings, Culture, Social Structure, Economy, Religion, and Language of the Aryan Civilization

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Examine the Importance of Oral Traditions and the Use of Storytelling Between Cultures/Generations**
- **Lesson 3 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 4: Ancient Greek Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography and Settlement of Ancient Greece

Topic 2: The Anatomy, Military, Government, and Economy of Early Spartan and Athenian Civilizations

Topic 3: The Culture, Literature, Education, Philosophy, Art, Architecture, and Religion of Early Greek Civilizations

Topic 4: The Alliances Among, Conflicts Between, and Unification of Ancient Greek City-States

Lesson Discussion:

- **Topic: Compare and Contrast Myths and Legends of Ancient Civilizations to Stories of Nature Told Today**

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Compare and Contrast the Political System of Ancient Greece to the Political Systems of Today**
- **Lesson 4 Self-Check Quiz**

Unit Assignments and Assessments:

- **Unit 3 Exam**
- **Project: Write a Short Story About an Ancient Civilization**

Unit 4: 500 B.C. to 500 A.D.

Lesson 1: The Mayan Civilization

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of Ancient Mexico

Topic 2: The Culture, Artifacts, Agriculture, Government, Religion, and Economy of Mayan City-States

Topic 3: The Society, Culture, Writings, and Contributions of Ancient Mayan Civilizations

Topic 4: The Decline of the Mayan Civilization

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Compare Ancient and Present Day Games and Analyze Their Significance in Civilizations**
- **Lesson 1 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 2: The Hellenistic Civilization

Topic 1: The Geography of Alexander the Great's Empire

Topic 2: The Life, Philosophy, Goals, Military Conquests, and Contributions of Alexander the Great

Topic 3: The Blending Eastern and Western Cultures and Advancements in Math and Science

Topic 4: The Culture, Education, Economy, Government, Trade, and Religious Practices of the Hellenistic Civilization

Topic 5: The Decline and Collapse of Alexander the Great's Empire

Lesson Discussion:

- **Topic: React to the Use of Animals and Humans for Medical Experimentation**

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Analyze and Explain the Life, Goals, Conquests, and Contributions of Alexander the Great**
- **Lesson 2 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 3: The Roman Empire and the Rise of Christianity

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of the Roman Empire

Topic 2: The Origin, History, Expansion, Government, Military Conquests, and Early Leadership of the Roman Empire

Topic 3: The Society, Culture, Laws, Industry, Education, Contributions, Language, and Religion of the Roman Empire

Topic 4: The Origin and Rise of Christianity, the Persecution of the Christians and the Organization of the Church

Topic 5: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Explain the Concept of Persecution; Identify and Compare Persecuted Groups to Early Christians**
- **Lesson 3 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 4: Early Chinese Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography of Unified China

Topic 2: The Philosophies of the Zhou, Qin, and Han Dynasties—Daoism, Legalism, Buddhism, and Confucianism

Topic 3: The Origin, History, Political/Social Structure, and Contributions of the Qin Dynasty

Topic 4: The Origin, History, Government, Expansion, and Contributions of the Han Dynasty

Topic 5: The Decline and Fall of the Qin and Han Dynasties

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Compare and Contrast the Evolutionary Developments in China to Those of Other Civilizations**
- **Lesson 4 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 5: Early Indian Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of Southern India

Topic 2: The Hindu Religion and Philosophy of Early Indian Civilizations

Topic 3: The Buddhist Religion and Philosophy of Early Indian Civilizations

Topic 4: The Unification of India—The Origin, Expansion, and Religion of the Mauryan Empire

Topic 5: The Origin, Expansion, Economy, Education, Social Structure, Culture, and Contributions of the Gupta Empire

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Lesson 5 Self-Check Quiz

Unit Assignments and Assessments:

- Unit 4 Exam

Unit 5: 500 A.D. to 1500 A.D.

Lesson 1: Native American Civilizations

Topic 1: The Geography, Climate, and Early Indian Civilizations (Mohican, Mississippian, and Anasazi) of North America

Topic 2: The Origin, Culture, Contributions, Government, Society, Religion, and Education of the Aztec Civilization

Topic 3: The Origin, History, Geography, Contributions, Agriculture, and Religion of the Inca Empire

Topic 4: The Destruction of the Aztec Civilization by European Conquistadors

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Compare and Contrast the Conquest of America by Spain to Other Similar Conquests
- Lesson 1 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 2: The Islamic Empire

Topic 1: The Geography and Climate of the Islamic Arab Empire

Topic 2: The Religion, Leadership, Philosophy, and Culture of the Islamic Empire

Topic 3: The Expansion, Government, Economy, Trade, and Contributions of the Islamic Empire

Topic 4: The Continued Growth of the Muslim Culture

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Notebook: Compare and Contrast Three World Religions; Analyze Their Evolution and Historical Significance
- Lesson 2 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 3: The Byzantine Empire in Russia

Topic 1: The Origin, History, Geography, People, Artifacts, Government, Military, and Religion of the Byzantine Empire

Topic 2: The Expansion, Agriculture, Economy, and Social Structure of the Slavic Civilization and Byzantine Empire

Topic 3: Kievan, Russia, the Slavic Civilization, and the Byzantine Empire Under Mongol Rule

Topic 4: Ivan the Great's Reign Over the Byzantine and Roman Empires

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- Lesson 3 Self-Check Quiz

Lesson 4: The Song Dynasty and the Mongol Empire

Topic 1: The Geography of China, Mongolia, and Japan

Topic 2: The Origin, Growth, Trade, Art, Contributions, People, Agriculture, and Religion of the Tang and Song Dynasties

Topic 3: The Emergence, Military, Culture, Population, Economy, Trade, and Government of the Mongol Empire

Topic 4: The Influence of China on Early Japanese Civilizations, Culture, Government, Religion, and Ceremonies

Topic 5: The Influence of China and India on Early Southeast Asian Civilizations, Culture, Government, and Religion

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Analyze the Impact That Gunpowder Use and the Paper Currency Have Had on Cultural Interactions**
- **Lesson 4 Self-Check Quiz**

Lesson 5: Western Europe in the Middle Ages

Topic 1: The Geography of Western Europe and Britain

Topic 2: The Origin, Expansion, Philosophy, Education, Government, and Artifacts of the Charlemagne Empire

Topic 3: The Government, Social Structure, Culture, Religion, Military, Education, and Economy of Medieval Civilizations

Topic 4: The Organization and Expansion of the Roman Catholic Church and Its Influence on Medieval Civilizations

Topic 5: The Origin, Government, Laws, and Culture of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman Civilizations of Early England

Topic 6: European Exploration and Discovery in the Middle Ages

Lesson Discussion:

- **Topic: Discuss Parallels Between the Spread of Black Death in Medieval Europe and That of HIV/AIDS Today**

Lesson Assignments and Assessments:

- **Notebook: Examine the Reasons for and Historical and Current Fascination With Global Exploration**
- **Lesson 5 Self-Check Quiz**

Unit Assignments and Assessments:

- **Unit 5 Exam**
- **Unit Project: Create a Travelogue Describing an Imaginary Journey Through a Select Region of the World**