

8th Grade Curriculum Map School Year 2007-2008

| Organizing Concepts | Beginnings of Civilization | Early River Valley Civilizations | First Empires | Classical Greece | Ancient Rome | India and China | African Civilizations | Early American Cultures | Muslim World | Final Exam Review |
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| Month | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June |
| Essential Questions | <p>1. How did environment affect the formation of the earliest civilizations?</p> <p>2. What factors led to the decline of the earliest civilizations?</p> | <p>1. How did geography affect the Fertile Crescent?</p> <p>2. What led to the rise and later the fall of Egypt?</p> | <p>1. How did new ideas and technology enable the first empires to develop?</p> <p>2. What factors led to the rise and fall of the first empires?</p> | <p>1. How is the modern world impacted by the history and culture of classical Greece?</p> <p>2. What impact did geography have on classical Greece?</p> | <p>1. How is the modern world impacted by the Roman Empire?</p> <p>2. How did the desire for power and authority as well as a desire for spiritual connection impact the Roman Empire?</p> | <p>1. How have the Chinese customs, religion, art, and other aspects of culture change from historical times?</p> <p>2. How have the Indian customs, religion, art, and other aspects of culture change from historical times?</p> | <p>1. What resources enabled the development of African Empires?</p> <p>2. How did trade impact the growth of African kingdoms?</p> | <p>1. What impact did early American civilizations have on future societies and cultures?</p> <p>2. How did early Americans adapt to their environment?</p> | <p>1. How did rivalries contribute to the splits in Islam?</p> <p>2. How did trade impact the growth of the Muslim World?</p> | <p>1. What impact did the civilizations which preceded ours have on the US culture?</p> <p>2. What are the characteristics of a successful civilization?</p> |

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| Activities | <p>1. Discuss the adaptations to their environment early man made.</p> <p>2. Analyze the process by which early people organized their societies and built advanced civilizations.</p> | <p>1. Draw maps labeling and locating the Early River Valley Civilizations.</p> <p>2. Create problem and solution charts pertaining to issues addressed by the people in the Early River Valley Civilizations</p> | <p>1. Analyze the development of the first large empires in Africa and Asia 157B.C. – 200B.C.</p> <p>2. Write an essay summarizing the Assyrians or Persian Empire.</p> | <p>1. Examine the history and culture of classical Greece?</p> <p>2. Analyze the impact of classical Greece on the modern world.</p> | <p>1. Trace the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.</p> <p>2. Analyze the impact of the Roman Empire on our culture, government and religion.</p> | <p>1. Compare the establishment and development of the empires in India and China.</p> <p>2. Draw maps of the Indian and Chinese Empires with physical features.</p> | <p>1. Analyze ways ancient African cultures adapted to their environment, established kingdoms and spread throughout the continent.</p> <p>2. Examine the development of early African societies from hunting groups to empires.</p> | <p>1. Discuss the geographical features shared by early American civilizations.</p> <p>2. Discuss innovations in farming, ideas for community planning and unique religious and artistic expression were passed on the future groups.</p> | <p>1. Analyze the spread of Islam and the achievements of the Muslim World.</p> <p>2. Describe the Middle East before and after the rise of Islam.</p> <p>3. Explain how Muhammad and his successors spread Islam.</p> | <p>1. Students will create possible essay questions with answers.</p> <p>2. Make review flash cards for key terms.</p> |
| Supplemental Topics | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Constitution</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Elections</p> <p>Veteran’s Day.</p> | <p>Current Events.</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Black History</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Women in History</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Holocaust</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Civics</p> | <p>Current Events</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>Civics</p> |