

Ancient World History

Unit 1

Describe the aspects of studying history and geography.

Explain how dates are written.

Interpret maps, including explanation of lines of latitude and longitude.

Explain the use of different types of maps.

Locate items on a map using longitude and latitude.

Explain prehistory and understand the Three-Age system.

Locate items within Mesopotamia and the southwest Asia region.

Describe the rise of civilization in Mesopotamia.

Describe the development of writing, math, and technology in the Sumerian civilization.

Explain the rise of empires and conquests by Mesopotamian city-states.

Discuss Hammurabi's Code and the Epic of Gilgamesh.

Unit 2

Recognize the geography of the Middle East and Egypt.

Describe ancient Egyptian cultures, including their religion, society, and culture.

Define the periods and kingdoms of Egyptian history.

Describe the best known rulers of the early Egyptian kingdoms.

Explain the formation of the Hebrew nation and Jewish religion.

Describe the geography and early cultures of sub-Saharan Africa.

Describe the geography and early cultures of North, Central, and South America.

Unit 3

Describe the geography and three basic divisions of Asia.

Recognize the early cultures of India.

Describe the cultures and civilization of the early Indian peoples.

Describe the history and cultures of the early Chinese dynasties.

Explain the rise of the early Asian religions.

Unit 4

Describe the geography of the region of Greece, including its location on the shores of the Mediterranean, Aegean, and Ionian Seas.

Describe the early civilizations of Greece and its Dark Age.

Describe the rise of city-states, including Sparta and Athens.

Explain the rise of various forms of government in the Greek city-states.

Describe Greek culture, including information on the economy and colonization.

Recount events of the Persian and Peloponnesian wars.

Describe the Macedon Empire of Alexander Great, and its aftermath.

Unit 5

Describe the geography of the Italian Peninsula.

Explain the rise of the Roman Republic and define the people who created it.

Recount events and people of the Punic Wars.

Describe the events that led to the end of the Republic and the movement from Confederation to Empire.

Describe Roman culture, including religion, society, economy, education.

Describe Roman art, literature, and architecture.

Recount events of the division, decline, and fall of the Roman Empire.

Unit 6

Identify events marking the beginning and the end of the Middle Ages.

Survey the history of the Byzantine Empire.

Describe events that led to the Roman Catholic Church's influence and control of European life.

Describe the rise of Islam and growth of the Islamic Empire.

Explain the impact that Islam had on the people of the Arabian Peninsula and in conquered territories.

Recall the essential tenets of the Islamic faith.

Identify the contributions made by Islamic scholars.

Create a timeline of the Middle Ages.

Identify contributing factors to the decline of feudalism including the Crusades and the Black Death.

Unit 7

Describe the social structure of feudalism and its impact on politics and daily life in Europe.

Explain the formation of the Holy Roman Empire and its importance.

Describe the events of the Norman conquest and its lasting impact on the history of England.

Examine the arts, family structure, religion, and government of Europe during the High Middle Ages.

Distinguish the events and results of the first four crusades and the Children's Crusade.

Explain the impact of the crusades on feudalism, the fate of Constantinople, and relations between Christians and Muslims.

Unit 8

Identify elements of the arts, family structure, religion, and government of cultures in Africa, China, India, and Japan.

Survey the development of African empires and civilizations including Ghana, Mali, Songhai, Bantu, and Great Zimbabwe.

Describe ways trade routes to North Africa and the Middle East affected the culture of West Africa.

Outline the succession of Chinese dynasties during the Middle Ages including the Tang, Song, Yuan, and Ming.

Describe the rise of the Mongol Empire and its influence on cultures and religion in Asia and Europe.

Survey the development of Japanese civilization including the Heian period, feudalism, and the Tokugawa isolation.

Survey the development of Indian empires and civilizations including the Gupta, Delhi Sultanate, Tamerlane Empire, and Mughal Empire.

Unit 9

Explain the social, religious, and economic factors that sparked the Renaissance.

Analyze the impact of important events during the Renaissance including the Hundred Years' War.

Identify reasons that the Renaissance spread through Europe.

Describe contributions made by Renaissance writers, architects, and artists.

Explain developments that led to the Age of Exploration.

Identify key explorers and their achievements.

Describe the impact of contact between Europeans and New World indigenous peoples.

Outline the events of the conquistador conquest of the Aztecs and Inca.

Analyze the impact of the Columbian Exchange on cultures and peoples in the New World, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Unit 10

Explain the social, religious, and economic factors that sparked the Protestant Reformation.

Analyze how the Reformation changed European perceptions of the Church and the authority of the Bible.

Identify ways that classical thinking influenced the development of the scientific method.

Survey evolving philosophical views during the Age of Reason.

Identify key thinkers of the Scientific Revolution, Age of Reason, and the Enlightenment and describe their contributions.

Explain the connection between Enlightenment thinking and the founding documents of the United States.