

IB MYP 6 Individuals & Societies

GRADE LEVEL:

6

COURSE NAME:

Ancient World History

SUMMARY:

Studying ancient civilizations provides a unique lens to understand the complexities of human history and the enduring forces that shape our world.

This exploration fosters critical thinking skills by analyzing the interplay of factors that contribute to the rise and fall of civilizations, including geographical location, environmental factors, and cultural interactions.

I&S 6 will cover Ancient World civilizations beginning with prehistoric times, to Mesopotamia, Egypt, Ancient Hebrews, India, China, Greece, and Rome throughout the school year.

UNITS AND TOPICS:

Unit 1 - Early Humans

- Development of capabilities that helped early hominids survive
- Development of agriculture and domestication changed life in the Neolithic Age
- The Neolithic Age and emergence of permanent settlements

Unit 2 - Mesopotamia and First Civilization

- The relation between geography, environment and resources and establishment of the first civilization
- The characteristics of a civilization
- The achievements of the Mesopotamian empires

Unit 3 - Ancient Egypt

- The significance of the Nile River and Egyptian geography in relation the settlement in Egypt
- Political power and the role of pharaohs in ancient Egypt
- The impact of social class on the daily lives of ancient Egyptians

Unit 4 - Ancient Hebrews

- The origins and development of Judaism
- The central teachings of Judaism and their significance in present times
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Unit 5 - India

- The impact of the Indus River Valley's geography on the settlement of people in India
- The origins and central teachings of Hinduism
- The origins and central teachings of Buddhism

Unit 6 - Ancient China

- The effect of Confucianism on Chinese individuals, rulers and society.
- The factors that contributed to the unification of China into a single state under the Han Dynasty
- The social customs and government policies responsible for the centralized state power.
- The establishment of the Silk Road as a catalyst for trade of goods and ideas between China and other regions of Afroeurasia.

Unit 7 - Ancient Greece

- The influence of the Greek peninsula on the settlement and way of life in ancient Greece
- The political, social and economic differences between the city-states of Athens and Sparta
- The factors that influenced the outcome of the Greco-Persian Wars
- The origins of democracy in Ancient Greece
- The cultural achievements of ancient Athens
- Alexander the Great's empire and his achievements

Unit 8 - Ancient Rome

- The growth of Rome and the impact of expansion on the daily lives of Romans
- The political characteristics of Roman Republic and how they changed over time
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AIMS/GOALS:

The aims of MYP Individuals and Societies are to encourage and enable students to:

- appreciate human and environmental commonalities and diversity
- understand the interactions and interdependence of individuals, societies and the environment
- understand how both environmental and human systems operate and evolve
- identify and develop concern for the well-being of human communities and the natural environment
- act as responsible citizens of local and global communities

- develop inquiry skills that lead towards conceptual understandings of the relationships between individuals, societies and the environments in which they live.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

A: Knowing and understanding

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Pioneer Passport
- Fully charged Ipad
- Pencil/Mechanical Pencil
- Folder/Binder
- Composition Notebook

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD:

- Communication Strategy
 - Help students practice presentations at home and record with their iPad.
Rewatch video to give feedback, improve and build confidence.
- Self Management Strategy
 - Help students keep up with their Pioneer Passport and balance time between academics and other responsibilities.