

**Department:** History

**Course Name:** Ancient Civilizations

**Course Description:**

This course explores the concept of civilization from the emergence of agriculture through the fall of the Roman Empire. It takes a global perspective, exploring the ancient cultures of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Phoenicia, Israel, Greece, Rome, India, China, and Mesoamerica. Students will explore each culture through its artifacts, architecture, language, and literature. The course will continue to strengthen historical skills including use of maps, research, and primary source analysis, and seeks to establish connections of understanding between ancient civilizations and societies today.

**Content:**

Mesopotamia  
Egypt  
Ancient Israel  
Phoenicia  
India  
China  
Greece  
Rome  
Mesoamerica

**Skills:**

Analyze maps and graphs  
Strengthen oral communication skills through class discussions, oral presentations, debates, and dramatic readings  
Develop basic research skills using library and Internet sources  
Refine research skills using primary source material, including art, literature, and archaeological evidence  
Strengthen basic study skills, including vocabulary acquisition, note-taking, and test-taking strategies  
Use technology (PicCollage, Padlet, Google Drive, etc.) to create and submit assignments and projects  
Compare and contrast various historical periods and cultural topics

**Text and Materials:**

Readings, worksheets, and activities compiled by teacher (shared through OnCampus LMS)  
Nearpod and PowerPoint presentations developed by teacher  
Videos  
Ancient Egypt (Kids Discover iPad app)  
Ancient Greece (Kids Discover iPad app)  
Roman Empire (Kids Discover iPad app)  
Incas (Kids Discover iPad app)

**Methods of Instruction:**

Direct explanation (lecture)  
Project-based learning  
Cooperative activities

Discussion

Simulations – plays, debates, trials

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Tests

In-class projects and activities

Class participation

Homework

Research projects

Oral presentations

