

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 (Notability, Padlet, Flipgrid, 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)
Incans (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

