

**Department:** History

**Course Name:** Third Grade Social Studies

**Course Description:**

The third grade studies ancient civilizations. It focuses on the civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. In order to understand the geographical location of each civilization the students begin the year identifying the seven continents and five oceans on a map. The students learn what all civilizations need to survive and examine the government structure, economy, daily life, written languages, and inventions of each civilization. As each civilization is studied, students will learn the chronological order of the civilizations and how they were interconnected. The students will investigate to find components of our present day civilizations founded in each of these ancient civilizations. Throughout the third grade year students are taught proper note-taking skills, study skills and organizational strategies. In addition, students practice answering content questions in complete sentences and paragraphs to relay knowledge of a topic.

**Content:**

Map Skills

Seven Continents and Five Oceans

Ancient Mesopotamia

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Rome

Ancient Greece

**Skills:**

Practice note-taking skills and organization

Develop study skills and strategies

Locate the seven continents and five oceans on a map

Locate Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome on a world map

Identify lines of longitude and latitude

Use the equator and prime meridian to identify the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Hemispheres as well as the North and South Poles

Understand how the ancient peoples adapted to or changed their environment for survival.

Identify the natural and human resources of the ancient civilizations and how they were used

Explore Ancient Civilizations in a historical context

Explain how the contributions of Ancient Greece, Rome, Egypt, and Mesopotamia have influenced present day government, economics, recreation, daily life, and architecture

Locate details and facts in an expository text

Effectively communicate knowledge both orally and in written form

**Texts and Materials:**

100 Facts Ancient Egypt (Miles Kelly)

100 Facts Ancient Rome (Miles Kelly)

100 Facts Ancient Greece (Miles Kelly)

Ancient Civilizations History Pockets (Evan Moor)

Ancient Egypt History Pockets (Evan Moor)

Ancient Rome History Pockets (Evan Moor)

Ancient Greece History Pockets (Evan Moor)

Ancient Mesopotamia (Kids Discover)

A-Z Reading website

**Methods of Instruction:**

Direct whole class instruction  
Comprehension sheets  
Interactive notebooks  
iPad  
Group discussions  
Video presentations  
Independent reading  
Small group reading  
Partner work  
Small group digital creations  
Seesaw app

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Group projects  
Oral presentations  
Teacher made tests and quizzes  
On-demand writing  
Independent projects  
Digital books  
Seesaw app activities

