

The Ancient World

Early Civilizations, The Mesopotamian World, Egypt, Greece and Rome

Grades:	6th – 9th
Day of Week:	Tuesday
Time of Class:	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Length of Class:	30 weeks
Semester:	Fall, Winter and Spring

Fall = Early Civilizations, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt

Winter = Ancient Greece

Spring = Ancient Rome

High School Credit: **If taking this course as a 9th grader: 1 – World History**

Class Dates:

Fall

Week 1: September 15

Week 2: September 22

No Classes: September 28 - October 9 (Yom Kippur and Sukkot)

Week 3: October 13

Week 4: October 20

Week 5: October 27

Week 6: November 3

Week 7: November 10

Week 8: November 17

No Classes: November 23 – Thanksgiving Week

Week 9: December 1

Week 10: December 8

Make Up Week: December 15

Winter

Week 1: January 12

Week 2: January 19

Week 3: January 26

Week 4: February 2

Week 5: February 9

Week 6: February 16

Week 7: February 23

Week 8: March 2

Week 9: March 9

Week 10: March 16

Make Up Week: March 23

Spring

Week 1: April 6

Week 2: April 13

Week 3: April 20

Week 4: April 27

Week 5: May 4

Mid-Term Break May 10 - 16 (Eid Al Fitr)

Week 6: May 18

Week 7: May 25
Week 8: June 1
Week 9: June 8
Week 10: June 15
Make Up Week: June 22

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Description of Class:

This course, in its entirety, will follow the dramatic history of the world's early civilizations from the first farmers of the Middle East to the rise of the mighty empires in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome. We will explore the timeline, history and people of the time allowing students to create a vivid picture of life in the ancient world.

Parent have the option of taking one semester or two semesters or enroll in the entire year.

- Fall - Ancient World: Egypt
- Winter – Ancient World: Greece
- Spring – Ancient World: Rome
- Full Year of Ancient World – Early Civilizations, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome

Class Approach:

This class is a combination of lecture, video clips as well as discussion.

Textbook:

The Usborne Internet Linked Encyclopedia of the Ancient World

<https://www.amazon.com/Usborne-Encyclopedia-Ancient-World-Encyclopedias/dp/0794511414>

Additional readings and video clips to be provided by instructor.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- Notebook
- Microphone
- Camera (Smart Phone Camera is absolutely fine)

Requirements:

Students will be expected to interact in class. Students will be required to complete assignments in a timely manner. Students need to respect each other.

Weekly Homework:

Every week there will be a combination of reading, viewing of video clips as well as writing. You can expect about 1-2 hours of homework weekly.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be due prior to class for students to receive full credit unless arrangements have been made in advance. Students will receive partial credit for homework submitted within two class periods of due date. No credit will be given for homework turned in after two weeks. Additionally, any outstanding homework needs to be turned in prior to any unit test, even if that is sooner than the two weeks.

Grading Scale:

90-100 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-70 =	C
69-60 =	D
59 and below:	F (No Effort)

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Fall – Early Civilizations, The Mesopotamian World, Ancient Egypt

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction, Early Civilizations
Week 2	The Mesopotamian World
Week 3	The Rise of Babylon, The Neo-Babylonian Empire
Week 4	Ancient Egypt, Egyptology Today, Map of Ancient Egypt
Week 5	Early Egypt, The Old Kingdom, The Times of Tutankhamun, Ramesses II
Week 6	The Role of King, Government and Power, Trade and Diplomacy,
Week 7	Temple Life, Religion in Daily Life, Death and the Afterlife
Week 8	The Pyramids of Giza, Mortuary Temples, A Royal Barque
Week 9	Everyday Life: Home, Family Life, Farming, Education, Travel, Medicine and Beauty Care
Week 10	Egypt Wrap Up Projects and Presentations

Winter – Ancient Greece

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction, What was considered Ancient Greece?, The First Greeks

Week	Topic
Week 2	The Minoans, The Mycenaeans
Week 3	Troy and the Trojan War, The Dark Ages
Week 4	Archaic Greece, Greek City-States, Sparta, Hoplites
Week 5	The Persian Wars, The Birth of Literacy
Week 6	The Golden Age of Athens, The Acropolis
Week 7	Life in Sparta, The Peloponnesian Wars
Week 8	Everyday Life: Growing Up, Women/Home, Clothing, Architecture, Pottery, Feasting and Fun, Religion, Mythology
Week 9	Macedonia and the Hellenistic World
Week 10	Greece Wrap Up Projects and Presentations

Spring – Ancient Rome

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction, The Town of Pompeii, Early Rome
Week 2	The Roman Republic, Conquest of Italy, The Republic in Crisis
Week 3	The Life of Caesar
Week 4	The Birth of the Empire, Emperors of Rome
Week 5	The Roman Army, A Soldiers Life
Week 6	Expanding the Empire, Running the Empire
Week 7	Travel and Trade, Crime and Punishment
Week 8	Everyday Life: Family Life, Roman Women, Slaves and Freedom, Fashion, At the Baths, At the Games, At the Races, Builders and Engineers
Week 9	The End of an Empire, The Rise of Christianity, Barbarians and Byzantines, The Legacy of Rome, Lasting Latin
Week 10	Rome Wrap Up Projects and Presentations