

6th Grade – Social Studies Scope & Sequence

1 MP

Unit 1: Early Civilizations (3 weeks) Theme- Early Civilization accomplishments and government

- Fertile Crescent-
 - The Civilization of Sumer- (Chapt 3.1)
 - City-States-Sumerian Writing-Achievements
 - The First Empires- (Chapt 3.2)
 - The Babylonian Empire, Hammurabi-Legacy of Sumer

Unit 2: Ancient Egypt (3 weeks)-Theme- Accomplishments, Societal structures, Religious influences, Art, and Architecture

- Egypt under the Pharaohs-(Chapt 4.1)
 - The Nile River Valley, Civilization Develops, The Kingdoms of Egypt, Two Great Rulers, Egyptian Society, Egyptian Religion, Mummification
- Art, Architecture, and Learning in Egypt- (Chapt 4.2)
 - Writings, Architecture and Art

Unit 3: Religious Origins (3 weeks)-Theme- Religious Impacts on Society/Origins/Some Beliefs

- Origins of Judaism- (Chapt 5.1)
- Origins of Christianity (Chapt 13 Sec3)
- Origins of Islam- (Chapt 15 Sec 1)

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Unit 4: Ancient Greece- (5 weeks) –Theme-Development of government and Lasting influences of Greek Culture

- The Rise of City-States (Chapt 10.1)
 - Trojan War/Greek City-states
- Greek Society and Economy (Chapt 10.2)
 - Greek Society and Coins
- Democracy in Athens (Chapt 10.3)
 - Power of the People/Athenian Democracy at work
 - The Courts/Direct Democracy/Representative Democracy
- Greek Beliefs /Arts (Chapt 11.3)

Unit 5: Ancient Rome- Theme-Development of government and Lasting influences of Roman Culture (4 weeks)

- Government of a Republic (Chapt 12.2)
- Roman Society (Chapt 12.3)
 - Men and Women/Rich and Poor
- The Republic's Growth and Crisis (Chapt 12 .4)
 - Caesar
- The Roman Empire (Chapt 13.1)
 - Pax Romana /Pompeii/Colosseum/gladiators/Circus Maximus

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Unit 6: MesoAmerican Civilizations (4 weeks)-Theme- Impacts of Early Mesoamericans on the Americas and influences on culture

- The Maya (Chapt 19.1)
 Maya Civilizations/ Achievements/ Pok-a-tok
- The Aztecs (Chapt 19.2)
- The Incas (Chapt 20.1)

Unit 7: A Middle Ages- Theme- Changes in European Culture add changes in power and government across Europe (5 weeks)

- Europe in Early Middle Ages (Chapt 21.1)
 - Middle Ages/ Charlemagne
- The Spread of Christianity (Chapt 21.2)
 - Monastery
 - Convents
 - Daily life in Monasteries/ Conversion of Europe
- The Development of European Feudalism (Chapt 21.3)
 - Feudalism/Feudal Society/ The Medieval Manor
- Kings, Nobles, and the Magna Carta (Chapt 22.2)
 - Limits on Royal Power
 - Magna Carta
- Religious Crusades (Chapt 22.3)
 - Origins of the crusades
 - Effects of Crusades
- Breakdown of Medieval Society (Chapt 23.3)
 - The Black Death
 - Effects of Black Death

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Unit 8: The Renaissance- Theme- Changes in European Culture new ways in thinking and dynamics (5 weeks)

- The Origins of the Renaissance (Chapt 24.1)
 - The Breakdown of Feudal Order
 - Birthplace of Renaissance
 - Florence
- New Ways of Viewing the world (Chapt 24.2)
 - New Viewpoints
 1. Humanism
 2. Secularism
 3. Individualism
 - New Directions in Art
 1. Changing Context
 2. Renaissance Realism
- The Spread of New Ideas (Chapt 24.3)
 - Inventions
 1. The Printing Revolution
- The Legacy of the Renaissance (Chapt 24.4)
 - Renaissance Architecture

- Renaissance Art
- Renaissance Literature

Unit 9: The Reformation- Theme- Religious change across Europe changes the ideas of religious beliefs and thinking. (2 weeks)

- The origins of the Reformation (Chapt 25.1)
 - Luther Challenges the Church
- The Counter-Reformation (Chapt 25.2)
 - New Catholic Reformers
 - The Church Responds
- The Reformation Divides Europe (Chapt 25.3)
 - Protestants Northern Europe
 2. Reformation of England and Scotland
 3. Impact of Reformation- (If we can get to it)

Unit10: The Age of Exploration- Theme- Impact of exploration on different parts of the world. How inventions during this time period encourage exploration and assimilation of different cultures. (2 weeks)

- The Voyages of Discovery (Chapt 26.1)
 - Motivations for Exploring
 - Finding new Routes
 - New tools for exploration.