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Social Studies Syllabus  
Grade 6

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**Course Description**

Ancient civilization from early humankind on through the fall of Rome is the basis for this course. Students learn through both group and individual exploration of the following cultures: early humankind, Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome. Emphasis is placed on students gaining a cultural appreciation and understanding for these civilizations. The treatment of women throughout history is also given a primary importance. Geography, map work, art appreciation, and ethics are underscored throughout the class. Reading, critical thinking, summarization, and note-taking skills are also emphasized.

**Requirements:** *World History: Ancient Civilizations* textbook, notebook, pens, pencils, and art supplies are required.

**Benchmarks and Goals**

Students will see that all ancient societies developed near rivers and other bodies of water, which gave rise to irrigation and farming.

Students will understand the importance of history and archaeology and the relevance of research historians to our growing understanding of ancient civilizations' early physical and cultural development from early humankind to the fall of Rome.

Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of early civilizations.

Students will discuss and evaluate the impact that ancient civilizations have had on our current world in terms of politics, culture, art, geography, architecture and religion.

Students will write cohesive, structured paragraphs comparing and analyzing ancient cultures.

Students will present researched information about ancient cultures.

Students will gain an understanding for the role of women throughout history by studying famous women from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome.

Students will express their understanding of ancient cultures through the artistic design of posters and other illustrations, as well as dramatic reenactments of stories and events from ancient cultures.

Student will gain an understanding of geographical terms through map work.