

Syllabus for Ancient Civilizations

Sessions 1-2: Fridays 9:00-10:45 A.M.

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Description: In this class, we'll go back in time to ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Rome, and more to learn about the cultures, governments, artistic and scientific breakthroughs that form the foundations of our modern societies. Each civilization will include a hands-on art, STEM, or cultural project to allow for reflection and critical thinking about ancient history and modern connections. Students will acquire a broad overview of ancient history, with opportunities for more in-depth study.

Materials Needed:

- ☐ Composition book for notetaking and map work. We will be focusing on study, notetaking and organization, and students will have regular notebook checks throughout the session.
- ☐ Writing utensil

Expectations:

- * This is a hands-on class and **students will need to be in attendance in order to get credit.** (*If an absence cannot be avoided the student can arrange to do makeup work during a study session.*)
- * **Students will be expected to take notes** and to keep those notes and other materials neatly in their composition book. Students will have regular notebook checks **and they must have their class notes & materials with them at every class.**
- * As their **final project presentation**, students will research a subtopic from a civilization of their choice.

Grading

- 20% Attendance
- 30% Participation: preparation, curiosity and discussion
- 30% Notes and Notebook checks
- 20% Homework, final project and presentation

Course Outline

WEEK 1: Introductions, timelines, Paleolithic Period	WEEK 8: Israelites
WEEK 2: Rise of Agriculture, Mesopotamia	WEEK 9: Phoenicians & Assyria
WEEK 3: Old Egypt	WEEK 10: Crete and the early Greeks
WEEK 4: Sumer and the Assyrians	WEEK 11: Persians, Greeks, Alexander the Great
WEEK 5: Early India	WEEK 12: China & Confucianism
WEEK 6: Early China	WEEKS 13-14: Rome
WEEK 7: Middle/New Egypt	WEEK 15: Final Projects & Presentations - Parents Welcome!!