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Unit #1 (1-2 Weeks) Geography of the Ancient World	SS.6-8.EWC.26. Utilize and construct maps and images to explain and analyze regional, environmental, and cultural characteristics in early civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.27. Analyze and explain the cultural, physical, and environmental characteristics of places and regions and how these affected the lives of the people who lived there.  SS.6-8.EWC.28. Explain how changes in transportation, communication, and technology influenced the movement of people, goods, and ideas in various early civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.29. Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use in early civilizations including, but not limited to: rural versus urban, major waterways, pandemics, slavery.		C3 Inquiry Lesson Agriculture: Was the Development of Agriculture Good for Humans? (4, 6, 10)  Inquiry Lesson Location, Location: How much did location matter to the world's ancient civilizations? (2, 3, 4)  University of Michigan Investigation Which map should we use? (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11)

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Unit #2 (2-3 Weeks) Mesopotamia	History	SS.6-8.EWC.13. Examine instances of conflict, oppression, human rights violations, and genocide across the ancient world as well as responses to these violations.  SS.6-8.EWC.15. Interpret historical events from a variety of historical and cultural perspectives including but not limited to: Romans vs. "barbarians," conquerors vs. conquered, Mongols vs. Ming Chinese.  SS.6-8.EWC.16. Investigate cultural developments within and across human societies with attention to belief systems, philosophies, ideologies, and the arts.  SS.6-8.EWC.17. Analyze the impact of technological developments on events, peoples, & cultures in the ancient world.	Values Class structure Written language New inventions	DBQ Binder Hammurabi's Code: Was it Just? (2, 4, 6, 7)  Project Tahoe Hammurabi's Code (Close Read 8)  Statue of the Code of Hammurabi (Zoom-In 3, 6)
	Multi-Cultural	SS.6-8.EWC.21. Investigate the ways in which civilizations build communities of respect, equity, and diversity throughout early world history.  SS.6-8.EWC.22. Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.	Polytheism Monotheism	What is Culture? (Concept 1, 3, 8, 9)  C3 Inquiry Lesson Ancient Hebrews: What Defines a
	Civics	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.23.</b> Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations.	Written laws Punishments City-state Empire King Justice	People? (4, 6, 8)  Supported by background content in Scott Foresman pgs. 34-47 (4, 5)
	Geography	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.27.</b> Analyze and explain the cultural, physical, and environmental characteristics of places and regions and how these affected the lives of the people who lived there. <b>SS.6-8.EWC.29.</b> Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use in early civilizations including, but not limited to: rural vs. urban, major waterways, pandemics, slavery.	Fertile Crescent Euphrates Tigris	U of M Investigation What was important to King Hammurabi? (6, 7, 8, 11)
	Economics	SS.6-8.EWC.31. Assess the economies of ancient civilizations based on trade, resources, labor, monetary system, and other factors.  SS.6-8.EWC.32. Explain how trade has impacted economic growth, labor markets, rights of citizens, the environment, resources, and income distribution in different ancient civilizations.	Irrigation Trade Bartering Agriculture Division of labor	

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Unit #3 (4-6 Weeks) Egypt	History	SS.6-8.EWC.13. Examine instances of conflict, oppression, human rights violations, and genocide across the ancient world as well as responses to these violations.  SS.6-8.EWC.14. Describe the factors that shape identity, including institutions, religion, language, social class, geography, culture, and society in ancient civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.16. Investigate cultural developments within and across human societies with attention to belief systems, philosophies, ideologies, and the arts.  SS.6-8.EWC.17. Analyze the impact of technological developments on events, peoples, and cultures in the ancient world.	Deity Hieroglyphics Slavery Architecture Monuments Pyramids Geometry Astronomy	DBQ Binder How did the Nile shape Ancient Egypt? (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8)  Project Tahoe Ancient Egypt (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)  Egyptian Women (One-Pager 4, 8, 10)
	Multi-Cultural	SS.6-8.EWC.19. Analyze the ways in which dominant cultures have oppressed conquered peoples or minority groups within early civilizations as well as the responses of those groups to this oppression.	Polytheism Afterlife	Making an Egyptian Mummy (One-Pager 4, 8)  Pyramid/Sphinx (Zoom-In 8)
	Civics	SS.6-8.EWC.23. Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations. SS.6-8.EWC.24. Compare a current global issue to a historical event from an ancient civilization in order to propose a solution based upon past outcomes.	Social hierarchy Pharaoh Theocracy	Supported by background content in Scott Foresman pgs. 74-95 (4, 5) Inquiry Lesson
	Geography	SS.6-8.EWC.27. Analyze and explain the cultural, physical, and environmental characteristics of places and regions and how these affected the lives of the people who lived there.  SS.6-8.EWC.29. Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use in early civilizations including, but not limited to: rural vs. urban, major waterways, pandemics, slavery.	Upper and Lower Egypt Agriculture/farming Nile River Irrigation Euphrates	What is so important about a river? Investigating the Nile (3, 4)
	Economics	SS.6-8.EWC.31. Assess the economies of ancient civilizations based on trade, resources, labor, monetary systems, and other factors.	Taxes Goods and services Trade Slavery	

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Unit #4 (2-3 Weeks) Africa	History	SS.6-8.EWC.12. Compare the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires across the ancient world with attention to governmental systems and political developments.  SS.6-8.EWC.14. Describe the factors that shape identity, including institutions, religion, language, social class, geography, culture, and society in ancient civilizations.	Social hierarchy	SHEG – Reading Like a Historian  Mansa Musa (2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)  Project Tahoe  Epic of Sundiata- The Lion King (Zoom-In 3, 6)  Sundiata- teacher background	
	Multi-Cultural	SS.6-8.EWC.20. Assess the impacts of cultural diffusion when diverse groups interact within and across early civilizations. SS.6-8.EWC.22. Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.	Cultural diffusion Polytheism Christianity Islam	reading Inquiry Lesson Why shouldn't we ignore Africa? (2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10)	
	Civics	SS.6-8.EWC.23. Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.25. Compare and contrast government structures, processes, and laws within and across early civilizations.	Tribal structure Empire Dynasty Kings	Supported by content in Scott Foresman pgs. 370-385 (4, 5)	
	Geography	SS.6-8.EWC.28. Explain how changes in transportation, communication, and technology influenced the movement of people, goods, and ideas in various early civilizations.	Indian Ocean Atlantic Ocean Kalahari Desert Sahara Desert Savanna Atlas Mountains Plateau		
	Economics	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.32.</b> Explain how trade impacted economic growth, labor markets, rights of citizens, the environment, and resources and income distribution in different ancient civilizations.	Trade Barter Natural resources Currency/gold Agriculture/farming Mining		

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Unit #5 (2-4 Weeks) Persia and India	History	SS.6-8.EWC.14. Describe the factors that shape identity, including institutions, religion, language, social class, geography, culture, and society in ancient civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.16. Investigate cultural developments within and across human societies with attention to belief systems, philosophies, ideologies, and the arts.  SS.6-8.EWC.18. Analyze the use of conflict and/or diplomacy in ancient world interactions.	Caste system (social hierarchy) Brahmins Sudra/serfs Writing City planning (grid layout), Sanitation removal Sculptures Number system Vedas (Hindu scriptures)	DBQ Binder Asoka: Ruthless Conqueror or Enlightened Ruler? (2, 4, 6, 7, 8)  Project Tahoe The Caste System (Close Read 4,8)
	Multi-Cultural	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.22.</b> Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.	Polytheism Sanskrit Monotheism Zoroastrianism Brahmins Hinduism Buddhism	Persian Coin (Zoom-In 3, 6)  Supported by background content in Scott Foresman pgs. 128-145 (4, 5)  U of M Investigation
	Civics	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.23.</b> Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations.	Emperor Provinces Organized military Edicts	Which countries should be included in the Middle East? (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11)
	Geography	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.28.</b> Explain how changes in transportation, communication, and technology influenced the movement of people, goods, and ideas in various early civilizations.	Rivers Migration	
	Economics	SS.6-8.EWC.30. Differentiate economic systems, patterns of trade, and how those impact civilizations.	Trade routes Agriculture/farming Currency/gold Metal Cotton Jewelry	

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Unit #6 (4-6 Weeks) China	History	SS.6-8.EWC.12. Compare the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires across the ancient world with attention to governmental systems and political developments.  SS.6-8.EWC.13. Examine instances of conflict, oppression, human rights violations, and genocide across the ancient world as well as responses to these violations.  SS.6-8.EWC.15. Interpret historical events from a variety of historical and cultural perspectives including but not limited to: Romans vs. "barbarians," conquerors vs. conquered, Mongols vs. Ming Chinese.  SS.6-8.EWC.16. Investigate cultural developments within and across human societies with attention to belief systems, philosophies, ideologies, and the arts.	Dynastic cycle Agriculture/farming Great Wall Philosophy/Schools of thought (Confucianism, Daoism, Legalism) Bronze Silk Iron	DBQ Binder The Silk Road: Recording the Journey (2, 4, 6, 7, 8)  The Great Wall of Ancient China: Did the Benefits Outweigh the Costs? (2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10)  Supported by background	
	Multi-Cultural	SS.6-8.EWC.19. Analyze the ways in which dominant cultures have oppressed conquered peoples or minority groups within early civilizations as well as the responses of those groups to this oppression.  SS.6-8.EWC.20. Assess the impacts of cultural diffusion when diverse groups interact within and across early civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.22. Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.	Philosophy/Schools of thought Silk Road The compass Currency Mongols	content in Scott Foresman Pgs. 100-117 (4, 5)  U of M Investigation Which sources are most reliable for learning about the Silk Road? (4, 5,	
	Civics	SS.6-8.EWC.23. Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations. SS.6-8.EWC.24. Compare a current global issue to a historical event from an ancient civilization in order to propose a solution based upon past outcomes.	Emperor Province Dynasty Golden-age Civil service	6, 7, 8, 11)	
	Geography	<b>SS.6-8.EWC.28.</b> Explain how changes in transportation, communication, and technology influenced the movement of people, goods, and ideas in various early civilizations.	Flood controls Terraces Fertile plateau Plains Huang River Caravan Silk Road Desert		
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Unit #7 (4-6 Weeks) Greece and Rome	History	<ul> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.12. Compare the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires across the ancient world with attention to governmental systems and political developments.</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.13. Examine instances of conflict, oppression, human rights violations, and genocide across the ancient world as well as responses to these violations.</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.14. Describe the factors that shape identity, including institutions, religion, language, social class, geography, culture, and society in ancient civilizations.</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.15. Interpret historical events from a variety of historical and cultural perspectives including but not limited to: Romans vs. "barbarians," conquerors vs. conquered</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.16. Investigate cultural developments within and across human societies with attention to belief systems, philosophies, ideologies, and the arts.</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.17. Analyze the impact of technological developments on events, peoples, and cultures in the ancient world.</li> <li>SS.6-8.EWC.18. Analyze the use of conflict and/or diplomacy in ancient world interactions.</li> </ul>	Gender roles Golden age Advances in education Philosophy Science Emphasis on arts Architecture Mythology The Olympics	DBQ Binder How Great was Alexander the Great? (1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8) Why did Christianity Take Hold in the Ancient World? (1, 2, 4, 8) What Were the Primary Reasons for the fall of Rome? (1, 2, 4, 6, 8) Citizenship in Athens and Rome: Which System was Better? (1, 2, 3, 7, 8) Education in Sparta: Did the Strengths Outweigh the Weaknesses? (2, 4, 6, 7)  Project Tahoe Spartan Families (Close Read 4, 7, 8)		
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	Economics	SS.6-8.EWC.30. Differentiate economic systems, patterns of trade, and how those impact civilizations.	Trade centers Trade routes Market	pgs. 246-271, 276-304 (4, 5)  U of M Investigation  Was democracy in Athens a good form of government? (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)		

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Unit #8 (4-6 Weeks) Maya, Aztec, Inca	Multi-Cultural	SS.6-8.EWC.19. Analyze the ways in which dominant cultures have oppressed conquered peoples or minority groups within early civilizations as well as the responses of those groups to this oppression.  SS.6-8.EWC.22. Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.	Rituals Polytheism Chichenitza	Pager 4, 8)  Beyond the Bubble – SHEG Inca Fortification (2, 3, 6)  C3 Inquiry Lessons
	Civics	SS.6-8.EWC.19. Analyze the ways in which dominant cultures have oppressed conquered peoples or minority groups within early civilizations as well as the responses of those groups to this oppression.  SS.6-8.EWC.21. Investigate the ways in which civilizations build communities of respect, equity, and diversity throughout early world history.  SS.6-8.EWC.22. Analyze the intellectual, cultural, religious, and artistic contributions to our modern world of racially and ethnically diverse individuals and cultures of early civilizations.  SS.6-8.EWC.23. Describe the different political, civil, religious, and economic organizations of early civilizations.	City states Emperor Theocracy Civil war Mercenary	Aztec: What do the Buried Secrets of Tenochtitlan Tell Us About the Aztecs? (2, 3, 4, 6, 8)  Complex Societies: What Makes a Society Complex? (8)
	Geography	SS.6-8.EWC.27. Analyze and explain the cultural, physical, and environmental characteristics of places and regions and how these affected the lives of the people who lived there.	Sierra Madre Yucatan Lake Texcoco Chinampas Amazon River Andes Mountains Machu Pichu	Supported by background content in Scott Foresman pgs. 168-173, 174-181, 196-203 (4, 5)
	Economics	SS.6-8.EWC.31. Assess the economies of ancient civilizations based on trade, resources, labor, monetary systems, and other factors.	Trade network Taxes Infrastructure Aqueducts Reservoirs Agriculture/farming Mining	U of M Investigation How did the Inca maintain control over such a large empire? (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11)