

Grand Island Public Schools

7th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

As a result of their participation in this course, students will:

Strand 1: Processes

- Analyze the impact of history, culture, and geography of Greece and Rome on later civilizations.
- Analyze the major cultural and technological achievements of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, including science, architecture, sculpture, drama, and philosophy.
- Explain the impact of selected civilizations in Asia and Africa on the development of later cultures.
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- Evaluate the achievements and limitations of the democratic institutions and ideas that developed in Greek city-states and explain the importance of Greek ideas of democracy to the development of Western political thought and institutions.
- Explain the impact of ancient river valley civilizations (i.e., Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China) on the development of world cultures.
- Analyze how trade contributed to success and changes in the ancient civilizations (i.e., Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China).
- Explain how China became unified under the early imperial dynasties (i.e., Zhou, Qin, Han, and Tang).
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Strand 2: Potential of the Individual

- Explain the impact of selected civilizations in Asia and Africa on the development of later cultures.
- Describe the development and cultural impact of major religions (i.e., Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, and Confucianism).

Strand 3: Power and Governance

Strand 4: Groups and Institutions

- Explain human culture in the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras.
- Analyze the impact of history, culture, and geography of Greece and Rome on later civilizations.
- Explain the impact of selected civilizations in Asia and Africa on the development of later cultures.
- Describe the development and cultural impact of major religions (i.e., Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, and Confucianism).
- Describe the impact of life in medieval Europe on later civilizations.

Strand 5: Reform and Change

Strand 6: Impact of Economic System

Strand 7: Scientific and Technological Innovation

- Analyze the major cultural and technological achievements of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, including science, architecture, sculpture, drama, and philosophy.
- Analyze the major legal, cultural, and technological achievements of the Roman Empire, including art, architecture, science, and literature.
- Analyze how Roman unity contributed to the growth of trade in the 9th and 10th centuries.

Strand 8: Environmental Influences

- Explain the impact of ancient river valley civilizations (i.e., Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China) on the development of world cultures.

Strand 9: Conflict and Consequences

- Describe the emergence of the Roman Republic, its transformation from Republic to Empire, and decline of the Empire.
- Evaluate the achievements and limitations of the democratic institutions and ideas that developed in Greek city-states and explain the importance of Greek ideas of democracy to the development of Western political thought and institutions.