

HOME-SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR: Prince William County, Stafford County, Fredericksburg, and Spotsylvania County.

COURSE BROCHURE - SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES



**U.S. & World History
Ancient History
Government & Civics**



GRADES 9-12

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

FULL-YEAR COURSE FEE: \$210

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Full-year course entails a study of ancient cultures from the earliest written records through the removal of the last Roman “emperor” in 476 AD, with special attention to the interaction between humans and their environment and the relationship of philosophy to the development of states.

Coursework Outline

Grade Percentage

Course Work: Reading Assignments/PowerPoint Lectures & Animated Videos	15%
Unit Quizzes: Weekly Quizzes	15%
Weekly Discussion Questions (Homework)	15%
End of Unit Exam	25%
Comprehensive Final Exams—2	15% each
Total	100

Required Textbooks & Computer System Requirements: There is no requirement to purchase a textbook. All reading assignments and text are included in the course and accessible within the weekly lessons.

Required Computer System Requirements: Windows 7 or Higher, Adobe Acrobat Reader or Nitro PDF, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint Viewer, and Adobe Flash Player.

Weekly Unit Quizzes and Discussion Questions

Weekly Quizzes: Quizzes will consist of map identification, recall of significant events & people.

Weekly Discussion Questions: Discussion questions will be drawn from the text. Each student must write a substantive reply to the question, and substantively respond to two other students' responses within 48 hours.

Class Schedule

The schedule is subject to updates. Any changes or updates will be both posted on the classroom website and emailed to students and parents.

Monday—Introduction of Lesson & Reading Assignment **Friday**—End of Unit Exam due.

Wednesday— Homework Assignment & Weekly Quiz –
Discussion Questions will be due each Thursday.

Course Syllabus

Ancient History Schedule

Week	Chapters	Assignment	Topic
1	Unit 1	Quiz/DQ	Origin of Kingship, Earliest Story, Rise of Aristocracy
2	Unit 2	Quiz/DQ	Creation of Empire, Age of Iron, Philosopher King
3	Unit 3	Quiz/DQ	Written Records, War Chronicles, Civil War
4	Unit 4	DQ & Unit 1-4 Exam	Epic Hero, Victory Over Death, Reformer
5	Unit 5	Quiz/DQ	Military Dictator, Planned Cities, Collapse of Empire
6	Unit 6	Quiz/DQ	Barbarian Invasion, Monotheist, Environmental Disaster
7	Unit 7	Quiz/DQ	Battle for Reunification, Mixing Bowl, Xia Overthrow
8	Unit 8	DQ & Unit 5-8 Exam	Hammurabi's Empire, Hyksos Seize Egypt, King Minos
9	Unit 9	Quiz/DQ	Harappan Disintegration, Rise of Hittites, Expelled Hyksos
10	Unit 10	Quiz/DQ	Usurpation & Revenge, Contest, Shifting Capitals
11	Unit 11	Quiz/DQ	Mycenaeans, Struggle of Gods, Wars & Marriages
Thanksgiving Break			
12	Unit 12	DQ & Unit 9-12 Exam	Greatest Battle, Battle for Troy, First King of China
13	Unit 13	Quiz/DQ	Rig Veda, Wheel Turns Again, End of the New Kingdom
14	Unit 14	Quiz/DQ	Dark Ages of Greece and Mesopotamia, Fall of the Shang
Holiday/Winter Break			
15	Unit 15	Quiz/DQ	Mandate of Heaven, Bharata War, Son of David
16	Unit 16	Quiz/DQ	Eastern Zhou, Assyrian Renaissance, New Peoples
17	Unit 17	DQ & Unit 13-16 Exam	Trading Posts & Colonies, Old Enemies, Assyria & Babylon
18	Unit 18	Quiz/DQ	Spectacular Defeat, Decline of the King, Assyrians in Egypt
19	Unit 19	Quiz/DQ	Medes and Persians, Tyranny, Beginnings & End of Empire
20	Unit 20	Quiz/DQ	Brief Empire, Cyrus the Great, Republic of Rome
21	Unit 21	DQ & Unit 18-21 Exam	Kingdoms & Reformers, Art of War, Persian Empire
22	Unit 22	Quiz/DQ	Persian Wars, Peloponnesian Wars, First Sack of Rome
23	Unit 23	Quiz/DQ	Rise of the Ch'in, Macedonian Conquerors, Rome's Grasp
24	Unit 24	Quiz/DQ	Alexander; Mauryan Epiphany; Second Dynasty
Spring Break			
25	Unit 25	DQ & Unit 22-25 Exam	Wars of the Sons, Seleucid Conquerors, Between East & West

26	Unit 26	Quiz/DQ	Breaking the System, Problems of Prosperity, New Men
27	Unit 27	Quiz/DQ	Empire, Eclipse and Restoration, Problem of Succession
28	Unit 28	DQ & Unit 26-28 Exam	Roman World, Children on the Throne, Inherited Power
29	Unit 29	Quiz/DQ	Fall of Rome
30	Unit 30	Final Term Essay	Students will pick their favorite chapter from the class and write a 3 page essay. Assignment counts for ½ of Final Exam grade.
31	Unit 31	Pre-Final Prep	Various practice assessments to prepare for the Final Exam
32		Comprehensive Final	No lecture

Policies & Procedures

Assignment Completion

Assignment Submission: Late work will receive a letter grade reduction for every day that it is late, up to five days. After five days, late work will not be accepted. Essay assignments are to be submitted via class website in either .doc, .docx, or .rtf format. Formatting is to be 12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1” margins.

Assignment Prior Review: Students may submit an outline for feedback one week in advance of the deadline. Papers will be returned with written feedback at least 24 hours prior to the submission deadline. Students are expected to participate on a regular basis. Incomplete grades will not receive a certificate of completion or a final grade.

Grade Reporting & Communications

Students will see their grades appear in the Grade section of the classroom website, as well as receive an inter-school notification email. Parents will receive weekly progress and grade reports via email.