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Early River Valley Civilizations		
Fertile Crescent		
Describe the physical geography and climate of the Fertile Crescent.		
Explain the role of physical geography in the rise of Mesopotamian civilizations.		
Identify the major physical features of the Fertile Crescent.		
Sumerian City-States		
Describe the achievements of the Sumerian civilization.		
Describe the political, economic and social characteristics of the Sumerian city-states.		
The First Empires		
Describe the achievements of the early Mesopotamian empires.		
Explain factors that influenced the rise and fall of the early Mesopotamian empires.		
Identify key figures in the creation and spread of the early Mesopotamian empires.		
Egypt's Old and Middle Kingdoms		
Analyze the importance of the pharaoh in ancient Egypt.		
Describe the rise and fall of the Middle Kingdom of ancient Egypt.		
Explain the origins of the Old Kingdom of ancient Egypt.		
Egypt's New Kingdom		
Analyze the impact of Ramses the Great's leadership on the kingdom.		
Describe Queen Hatshepsut's economic accomplishments.		
Explain how the contributions of Akhenaton and Tutankhamen led to religious reforms in Egypt.		
Origins of Judaism		
Describe the central beliefs of Judaism.		
Explain how Hebrew traditions are reflected in the ethical traditions of Western civilization.		
Identify the origins and key figures of Judaism.		
The Israelites		
Describe how the physical environment influenced the ancient Israelites.		
Explain the significance of major historical figures in Judaism.		
Trace the movements and settlements of the ancient Israelites.		
The Diaspora		
Analyze the impact of the Babylonian Captivity on the Jewish faith.		
Describe the experiences of the Jewish people under Persian, Syrian, and Roman rule.		
Explain the causes and effects of the Jewish Diaspora.		

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Early India and Ancient China**The Aryan Migration and Impact on Indian Life**

- Analyze maps to trace the Aryan migration into the Indian subcontinent.
- Describe the influence of the Aryan migration on Indian culture.
- Explain features of the caste system in ancient India.

Origins of Hinduism

- Describe the major beliefs and practices of Hinduism.
- Describe the spread of Hinduism.
- Explain the early development of Hinduism.
- Identify how a text presents information.

Buddhism

- Describe the key beliefs of Buddhism.
- Describe the spread of Buddhism.
- Explain the origins of Buddhism.

The Mauryan Empire

- Describe the achievements of Asoka.
- Describe the political, economic, and religious characteristics of the Mauryan Empire.
- Explain the origins of the Mauryan Empire.

The Shang and Zhou Dynasties

- Describe the achievements of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.
- Explain how geography affected the rise and fall of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.
- Identify key characteristics of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.

Confucianism, Taoism, and Legalism

- Describe the basic teachings of Laozi, Confucius, and Han Feizi.
- Explain how Legalism, Confucianism, and Taoism shaped Chinese society.
- Identify the political and cultural challenges in ancient China.

The Qin Dynasty and the Unification of Northern China

- Describe how Legalism influenced the policies of Emperor Qin Shihuangdi.
- Explain how Emperor Qin Shihuangdi unified China.
- Identify the achievements of Emperor Qin Shihuangdi.

The Han Dynasty

- Describe Chinese culture and daily life during the Han dynasty.
- Describe the accomplishments of key figures of the Han dynasty.
- Describe the influence of Confucianism on the Han government.
- Explain the political policies enacted during the Han dynasty.

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Ancient Greece and Rome**Government and Citizenship in Ancient Greece**

- Describe the evolution of government in ancient Greece.
- Describe the responsibilities of citizens under Athenian democracy.
- Explain features of democracy in ancient Greece.
- Explain the political organization of the Greek city-states.

Athens and Sparta

- Compare the societies and cultures of Athens and Sparta.
- Describe the effects of the Persian Wars on the Greek city-states.

The Persian Empire

- Describe key elements of ancient Persian culture.
- Describe the expansion of the Persian Empire.
- Explain the causes and effects of the Persian Wars with Greece.

Alexander the Great

- Analyze the impact of the diffusion of Hellenistic culture.
- Describe the achievements of Alexander the Great.
- Explain the unification of the Greek city-states by Philip II of Macedonia.

Roman Principles of Government

- Describe the political system of the Roman Republic.
- Explain the democratic principles established during the Roman Republic.

From Republic to Empire

- Describe characteristics of Julius Caesar's rule.
- Explain how Julius Caesar came to power.
- Explain the causes and effects of Julius Caesar's assassination.
- Identify factors that led to the rise of the Roman Empire.

Roman Empire at Its Height

- Describe the achievements of Caesar Augustus.
- Describe the geographical expansion and growth of the Roman Empire.
- Explain factors that encouraged the growth of trade and the economy in the Roman Empire.

Fall of the Western Empire

- Describe the effects of invading peoples on the Roman Empire.
- Explain the effects of moving the Roman Empire's capital to Constantinople.
- Explain the impact of the division of the Roman Empire.

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Early Civilizations of West Africa and the Americas

Society, Culture, and Trade in Early West African Societies

Describe key aspects of West African culture.

Explain the effects of the trans-Saharan trade on the economies of West Africa.

Explain the role of the trans-Saharan trade in the diffusion of Islamic culture in West Africa.

Empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai

Analyze the growth of West African empires as centers of trade, culture, and learning.

Describe the rise and fall of the empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai.

Explain the contributions of key figures of the empires of West Africa.

Write an Argumentative Essay about Africa's Environment

Explain how to write an argumentative essay.

Introduce and support a claim about a topic.

Organize reasons and evidence to support a claim.

Use transitional words and phrases to connect ideas.

Mayan, Aztec, and Incan Civilizations

Describe the Aztec civilization and people.

Describe the Incan civilization and people.

Describe the Mayan civilization and people.

Explain how the Aztec and the Inca were defeated by Spanish conquistadors.

Civilizations of North America

Describe the traits of American Indian cultures of the northeast, southeast, and Great Plains.

Explain the influence of the physical environment on American Indian cultures.

Identify major geographical features of North America.

Medieval Europe

The Byzantine Empire and the Division of the Church

Analyze how physical geography, language, and religious views led to the division of the church between the Eastern and Western Roman Empires.

Describe the development of the Byzantine Empire.

Explain the importance of the political, social, and architectural achievements made during Emperor Justinian's reign.

European Monarchs

Analyze the impact of William the Conqueror.

Explain the diffusion of Christianity under Charlemagne's rule.

Explain the relationship between the papacy and European monarchs.

The Crusades

Analyze the causes of the Crusades and their effects on the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish populations.

Describe the characteristics and significance of the Crusades.

Describe the effects of the Crusades on trade and commerce.

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Christianity and Medieval Europe		
Describe the importance of the Catholic Church during the medieval period.		
Explain the decline of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula.		
Explain the rise of the Spanish and Portuguese kingdoms.		
Political and Economic Change		
Analyze the effects of the Hundred Years' War on England and France.		
Analyze the influence of the Magna Carta on culture and government.		
The Renaissance and Reformation		
Revival of Classical Learning		
Explain humanism and its influence on the balance between intellect and faith.		
Explain the significance of people and ideas that influenced the Renaissance.		
Identify the origins of the Renaissance.		
Renaissance Arts, Literature, and Science		
Describe major advances made in art and literature during the Renaissance.		
Describe major advances made in math and science during the Renaissance.		
Figures of the Reformation and Their Ideas		
Analyze the development of the Protestant Reformation.		
Describe the main ideas of key Protestant reformers.		
Explain policies of the Catholic Church.		
Reform and Change in England		
Describe the idea of self-government in Protestantism.		
Explain the effect of the Protestant Reformation on England.		
Explain the influence of self-government on democracy.		
The Counter-Reformation and the Revitalization of Catholicism		
Describe the changes implemented by the Catholic Church.		
Explain the effects of the reforms on the Catholic Church.		
Explain the goals of the Catholic Reformation.		
Exploration and Revolution		
The Scientific Revolution		
Describe influences from the past that led to the Scientific Revolution.		
Explain key scientific discoveries and inventions.		
Explain the effects of the Scientific Revolution on society, government, and religion.		
European Exploration		
Analyze motivations for European exploration.		
Analyze political and economic changes during European exploration.		
Describe important voyages of discovery.		

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		<p>The Columbian Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the origins of modern capitalism. Describe trade among Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas in the 15th and 16th centuries. Explain major economic and social effects of the Columbian Exchange. <p>The Enlightenment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the effect of the Enlightenment on political and economic change. Analyze the influence that Enlightenment thinkers had on democracy. Explain how the main ideas of the Enlightenment were based on earlier movements. <p>New European Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the shifts in power that occurred as a result of the formation of new nations in Europe. Describe the causes and outcomes of the European revolutions of the 1800s. Describe the effects of Napoleon’s rise to and fall from power. <p>Revolutions in Latin America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the contributions of key figures in independence movements in Latin America. Analyze the outcome of revolutions in Latin America. Explain the causes of revolutions in Latin America. <p>Industrialization Begins in England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the causes of the Industrial Revolution. Describe the social, economic, and environmental effects of the Industrial Revolution. Explain the economic factors that drove industrialization.
		<p>Imperialism, World War I, and the Interwar Years</p> <p>Imperialism and the Scramble for Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast British and French rule in Africa. Describe the motivations behind European colonization of Africa. Explain the effects of European colonialism in Africa. <p>Causes of World War I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the role of imperialism and militarism in building prewar tensions in Europe. Describe the significance of alliances at the outbreak of World War I. Explain the connection between nationalism and the outbreak of World War I. <p>Fighting the Great War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze conditions on the battlefield during World War I. Describe the contributions of women and civilians to the war effort. Explain reasons for the US entrance into World War I. Trace the events of German aggression and the outbreak of war.

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Effects of World War I

- Describe the political changes in Asia and the Middle East after WWI.
- Describe the social and political climate in Europe at the end of World War I.
- Explain the effects of the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

The Global Depression

- Describe the effects of the Great Depression on the US.
- Explain the economic conditions that led to the Great Depression.
- Explain the effects of the Great Depression on Europe and the world.

The World between the Wars

- Analyze the rise of totalitarian governments across Europe.
- Describe dictatorial rule in Italy and the USSR.
- Describe the change to military rule in Japan.

Hitler and Nazi Germany

- Analyze the effects of Hitler's rule on German society.
- Describe Hitler's rise to power in Germany.
- Describe the growth of the Nazi Party.

World War II, the Cold War, and Independence**Origins of World War II**

- Analyze the responses of global powers to increasing aggression by European dictators.
- Explain how social and economic conditions in Europe influenced the outbreak of World War II.
- Explain the roles of nationalism, imperialism, and isolationism in the outbreak of World War II.

The World at War

- Describe significant events that happened at the beginning of World War II.
- Explain major turning points of World War II.
- Explain the roles of alliances and leaders during World War II.

The Holocaust in Europe

- Analyze the aftermath of the Holocaust.
- Describe significant events and locations associated with the Holocaust.
- Explain the events leading up to the Holocaust.

Effects of World War II

- Analyze the events and decisions that led to the end of World War II in Europe.
- Analyze the events and decisions that led to the end of World War II in the Pacific.
- Describe the effects of World War II.

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Writing Workshop: Writing a Narrative about Life during World War II

Plan a narrative with a logical sequence of events.

Revise writing to use vivid language.

Use narrative techniques to develop experiences, events, and characters.

Write a narrative essay.

Superpowers and the Cold War

Analyze the significance of technological competition between superpowers.

Describe the reactions of democratic powers to the spread of communism in Europe.

Explain the military and political alliances that were formed by superpowers and led to the Cold War.

Fall of the Soviet Union

Analyze factors that led to the weakening of the Soviet Union.

Describe how reforms spread across communist Europe.

Explain the events that led to the fall of the Soviet Union.

Political and Economic Change in Latin America

Analyze the economic and political trends in Latin America since 1900.

Describe the effects of revolutions and reform movements in Latin America since 1900.

Political and Economic Change in Africa

Analyze apartheid's influence on the development of South Africa's government, economy, and society.

Analyze the factors that drove independence movements across Africa.

Describe the political, economic, and social effects of self-rule on African nations.

Political and Economic Change in Asia

Analyze the effects of military conflict in postcolonial Asia.

Analyze the social, political, and economic outcomes of independence in postcolonial Asia.

Compare and contrast independence movements across Asia.

Challenges of the Modern World

Contemporary Human Rights Issues

Describe factors that displace people from their homelands.

Describe the concept of human rights.

Explain the work of individuals and organizations to defend human rights.

Identify factors that affect human rights in global society.

Global Security

Analyze the effectiveness of cooperative international responses to global security threats.

Describe how terrorism and political conflict threaten global security in the 21st century.

Describe the impact of 21st century terrorist acts on the modern global society.

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		<p>Global Environmental Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze responses to global environmental challenges.Describe the effects of global environmental challenges.Identify global environmental challenges. <p>Technology and Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe the impact of modern technology and innovation.Describe the modern technological revolution.Identify key modern technological advancements and innovations. <p>Our Interconnected World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze the role of social media during the Arab Spring.Explain how social media affects the diffusion of ideas.Identify ways social media influences the growth of businesses. <p>Group Discussions on Current Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explain best practices for a discussion.Explain how to research a topic to prepare for a discussion.