

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ancient History  
Course Description**

**HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

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This course focuses on the study of major events, individuals, ideas, and changes in the ancient world from the Neolithic Revolution through the Roman Empire. An emphasis will be placed on ancient Egypt, the ancient Middle East, ancient India, ancient China, ancient Greece, and ancient Rome. Ultimately, we will be studying people, their beliefs, their actions, and the results of their actions. Students will make connections between past events and current issues. They will analyze, critique, and discuss primary and secondary history sources. Each student will think about, write about, and talk about things that have changed the world. They will reenact and simulate significant moments in history, compare and contrast the lives of people in the past with their lives today, and contemplate how individuals and groups from the past shaped history so that they will know how to shape the future.

First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
<b>Online Text:</b> <i>History Alive! The Ancient World</i> , by Bert Bower (TCI)		
<b>Unit 1 Topics:</b>	<b>Unit 3 Topics:</b>	<b>Unit 5 Topics:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization</li> <li>* Historical Thinking Skills</li> <li>* From Hunter Gatherers to Farmers</li> <li>* The Rise of Sumerian City-States</li> <li>* Ancient Sumer</li> <li>* Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ancient India</li> <li>* Geography and the Early Settlement of India</li> <li>* Unlocking the Secrets of Mohenjodaro</li> <li>* Learning about World Religions: Hinduism</li> <li>* Learning about World Religions: Buddhism</li> <li>* The Unification of India</li> <li>* The Achievements of the Gupta Empire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ancient Greece</li> <li>* Geography and the Early Settlement of Greece</li> <li>* The Rise of Democracy</li> <li>* Life in Two City-States: Athens and Sparta</li> <li>* Fighting the Persian Wars</li> <li>* The Golden Age of Athens</li> <li>* Alexander the Great and His Empire</li> <li>* The Legacy of Ancient Greece</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 2 Topics:</b>	<b>Unit 4 Topics:</b>	<b>Unit 6 Topics:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ancient Egypt and the Middle East</li> <li>* Geography and the Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan</li> <li>* The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs</li> <li>* Daily Life in Ancient Egypt</li> <li>* The Kingdom of Kush</li> <li>* The Origins of Judaism</li> <li>* Learning about World Religions: Judaism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ancient China</li> <li>* Geography and the Early Settlement of China</li> <li>* The Shang Dynasty</li> <li>* Three Chinese Philosophies</li> <li>* The First Emperor of China</li> <li>* The Han Dynasty</li> <li>* The Silk Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ancient Rome</li> <li>* Geography and the Early Development of Rome</li> <li>* The Rise of the Roman Republic</li> <li>* From Republic to Empire</li> <li>* Daily Life in the Roman Empire</li> <li>* The Origins and Spread of Christianity</li> <li>* Learning about World Religions: Christianity</li> <li>* The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World</li> </ul>