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Aug. - Sept.	<p><b>First Civilizations</b> How is technology an asset and a liability?</p> <p>How is life affected if your basic needs weren't being met?</p> <p>How do you determine if something is civilized?</p> <p><b>Mesopotamia</b> Why were river valleys necessary in the development of Mesopotamia?</p> <p>What role do governments play in organizing societies?</p> <p>How do achievements, economy, religions, and social classes influence society?</p> <p>What inventions were created during the Mesopotamian time period and are still utilized today?</p>	<p><b>First Civilizations</b> -Culture -Historians -Scientists -Artifacts -Fossils -Civilizations -Irrigation -City-states</p> <p><b>Mesopotamia</b> -Tigris River -Euphrates River -Fertile Crescent -Trade routes -Monarchies -Wheel cart -Sailboat -Epic of Gilgamesh -Cuneiform -Sumer -Sargon -Babylonian Empire -Polytheistic -Enlil -Enki -Demigods -Slaves -Economy -Social classes -Religion -Government</p>	<p><b>First Civilizations</b> -Identify ways in which hunter-gatherers learned to meet their needs -Explain how tools are an example of technological development -Describe the events that led to the development of empires</p> <p><b>Mesopotamia</b> -Identify how the Fertile Crescent was formed -Explain how the government/leadership was composed -Understand the religion of the Mesopotamian people -Recognize the levels of society through the social classes -Describe how inventions were created to carry the surplus of crops</p>	<p><b>Mesopotamia</b> -Mesopotamia Magazine -Choice menu</p>	<p><b>First Civilizations</b> -Interactive Notebook (teacher created)</p> <p><b>Mesopotamia</b> -Interactive Notebook (teacher created)  -Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> (2012)  -Nonfiction books from Quincy Public Library</p>	<p><b>First Civilizations</b> -SMART Board -iPad -YouTube -Elmo -Internet -Webquests</p> <p><b>Mesopotamia</b> -SMART Board -iPad -YouTube -Elmo -Internet -Discovery Education online video -Webquests</p>
Oct.	<p><b>Ancient China</b> How did geography influence the history of Ancient China?</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b> -Economy -Social classes -Religion</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b> -Identify why the Great Wall of China was built -Identify how the Silk</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b> -Webquest -Interactive Notebook</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b> -Interactive Notebook (teacher created)</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b> -SMART Board -iPad -YouTube</p>

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Nov.	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <p>How were the rulers of Ancient China important?</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Shang Dynasty</li> <li>-Zhou Dynasty</li> <li>-Qin Dynasty</li> <li>-Han Dynasty</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <p>-Recognize the contributions that each dynasty and the ruler of that dynasty had in forming Ancient China.</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Webquest</li> <li>-Interactive Notebook</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Interactive Notebook (teacher created)</li> <li>-Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> (2012)</li> <li>-Nonfiction books from Quincy Public Library</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SMART Board</li> <li>-iPad</li> <li>-YouTube</li> <li>-Elmo</li> <li>-Internet</li> <li>-Discovery Education online video</li> <li>-Webquests</li> </ul>
Dec.	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <p>How are the basic beliefs of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism unique?</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Confucius</li> <li>-Tao</li> <li>-Buddha</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <p>-Understand the religions of the Ancient Chinese people</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <p>-Research writing answering "I Wonder" questions (how, why, who, what, when, where) on a key concept of Ancient China</p>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Interactive Notebook (teacher created)</li> <li>-Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> (2012)</li> <li>-Nonfiction books from Quincy Public Library</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ancient China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SMART Board</li> <li>-iPad</li> <li>-YouTube</li> <li>-Elmo</li> <li>-Internet</li> <li>-Discovery Education online video</li> <li>-Webquests</li> </ul>

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Feb.	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> What role does the government play in organizing societies?</p> <p>How do achievements of Ancient Egypt influence society?</p>	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> -Economy -Social class system -Religion -Pharaohs’ influences -The Valley of the Kings -King Tut -Queen Hatshepsut -Ramses II -Hieroglyphics -Rosetta Stone -Papyrus -Barter System -Egyptian Great Temples/Pyramids -Egyptian Art</p>	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> -Describe the role of the Pharaoh played in the Social Class System -Explain how the pharaoh contributed to the rise of the Egyptian Empire -Evaluate why the finding of the Rosetta Stone was so important to historians -Compare and contrast the Barter System of trade to our system of money today</p>	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> -Interactive notebook -Posters on the Social class system -Egyptian figure drawing -Teacher created Assessment over Ancient Egypt</p>	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> -Interactive Notebook (teacher created)  -Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> (2012)  -Nonfiction books from Quincy Public Library  -Ancient Egypt trade books  -<i>Teacher’s Discovery: Horace’s 12 Page illustrated History of Ancient Egypt</i></p>	<p><b>Ancient Egypt</b> -SMART Board -iPad -YouTube -Elmo -Internet -Discovery Education online video</p>

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<b>April - May</b>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> What was life like in two City States: Athens and Sparta?</p> <p>How do the achievements of Ancient Greece influence society?</p> <p>How was religion a major part of Ancient Greece?</p>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> -Economy -Government -Education -Treatment of women -Treatment of slaves -Persian War -Peloponnesian War -Arts -Philosophy -Science -Olympics -Mythology</p>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> -Compare and contrast life in Athens and Sparta -Describe Athenian and Spartan government, economy, education, and treatment of women and slaves -Recognize how Greek literature permeates our language today -Describe the artistic achievements in architecture, sculpture,</p>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> -Interactive Notebook -Essay comparing and contrasting life in Athens and Greece -Graphic Organizer -ABC research book on Ancient Greece</p>	<p>-Interactive Notebook (teacher created)  -Houghton Mifflin Harcourt <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> (2012)  -Nonfiction books from Quincy Public Library  -Ancient Greece and Rome trade books</p>	<p>-SMART Board -iPad -YouTube -Elmo -Internet -Discovery Education online video</p>

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