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SYLLABUS

TEACHER: Mr. Kerwin

COURSE/GRADE LEVEL: 7th grade History Ancient Civilizations

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

The Ancient World Textbook, History Alive Curriculum, Newspapers, Videos, and CD ROMs

MAJOR TOPICS

I. Early Humans

- A. Geography and History
- B. Prehistory
- C. The Beginnings of Civilization

II. Fertile Crescent

- A. Land between Two Rivers
- B. Babylonia and Assyria
- C. Legacy of Mesopotamia
- D. Mediterranean Civilizations
- E. Religious Beliefs – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

III. Ancient Egypt

- A. Geography of the Nile
- B. Egypt's Powerful Kings and Queens
- C. Egyptian Religion
- D. The Culture of Ancient Egyptians
- E. The Cultures of Nubia

VI. Ancient Greece

- A. The Rise of Greek Civilization
- B. Greek Religion, Philosophy, Democracy, and Literature
- C. The Culture of the Ancient Greeks
- D. Athens and Sparta: Two City-States in Conflict
- E. The Spread of Greek Culture and Alexander the Great

VII. Ancient Rome

- A. The Roman Republic
- B. The Roman Empire and Its Contributions
- C. The Fall of the Roman Empire in the West
- D. The Byzantine Empire

IV. Ancient India

- A. The Indus and Ganges River Valleys
- B. The Beginnings of Hinduism and Buddhism
- C. The Golden Age of the Maurya India

V. Ancient China

- A. Geography of China's River Valleys
- B. Confucius and His Teachings
- C. Qin, Zhou, and Han Dynasties
- D. Achievements of Ancient China

***ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

Projects	Essays
Notebooks	Exams
Map illustrations	Research papers
Simulations	Presentations
Open ended questions	Open note tests and quizzes
Co-operative learning projects	Take home writing assignments
Objective Tests/Quizzes	Homework
Class Participation (High Five)	

***See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.**

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Homework will be assigned on a nightly basis and will be due the next class day unless otherwise stated.

GRADING POLICY

Tests 25 % Interactive Notebook 20 %
Homework 25 % Classroom Participation 5 %
Quizzes/ Class work 25 % (High Five counts as classwork)

MAKEUP PROCEDURE

Make-Up work needs to be completed in a timely manner. Please meet with Mr. Kerwin to ensure that all work is made up.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Material needed daily:

Interactive notebook, pen/pencil, binder, textbook, agenda book

CLASS RULES

- 1) Follow Directions.
- 2) Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- 3) Raise hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.
- 4) Respect yourself and your classmates.
- 5) Always be prepared.
- 6) Do not forget the rules.

