**7th Grade World Civilization Objectives**

**Unit One**

**Beginning of Human Civilization Unit**

**Students will explain the historic development and achievements of the early civilizations.**
- Explain how geography played a role in the development of early civilizations.
- Compare and contrast prehistory and history.
- Explain the historic development and achievements of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia and Mediterranean area.
- Explain the historic development and achievements of the Israelites.

**Geography and Civilization**

**Students will explain how geography played a role in the development of early civilizations.**
- Identify geographical features that effect the development of civilization.
- Explain the effects of geography on the development of civilizations.

**History and Prehistory**

**Students will explain the difference between history and prehistory.**
- Describe how information is gathered from prehistoric times.
- Compare and contrast prehistory and history.

**Early Civilizations of Mesopotamia**

**Students will explain the historic development and achievements of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia and Mediterranean area.**
- Illustrate the events that took place between the start of farming and the development of civilization.
- Identify key accomplishments of civilizations within the Fertile Crescent.
- Use a timeline to relate historical events to each other.
- Define key terms associated with the development of civilization.
- Describe the effects of trade and conquest on early civilization.
- Compare and contrast Mesopotamian civilizations.

**Early Writing and Law**

**Students will explain the importance of writing and law.**
- Identify key accomplishments of civilizations within the Fertile Crescent.
- Explain the connection between writing and law using Hammurabi’s Code or between writing and the need to keep track of trade.
- Use a timeline to relate historical events to each other.

**World Religion of Judaism**

**Students will explain the historic development and achievements of the Israelites.**
- Define key terms associated with the development of civilization.
- Identify the basic beliefs of Judaism.
- Explain a monotheistic religion.
- Identify important characters in Jewish history.
Unit Two

Ancient Egypt
Students will understand the components of Ancient Egyptian civilization which allowed it to last for over 2000 years.

• Describe the physical characteristics of Egyptian geography and the importance of the Nile River.
• Explain the role Ancient Egyptian rulers and dynasties played in creating a government that lasted over 2,000 years.
• Explain the role religion played in the civilizations of Egypt.
• Describe the social structure of ancient Egypt.
• Identify the achievements of the ancient Egyptians.

Geography of Egypt
Students will describe the physical characteristics of Egyptian geography and what role the Nile River played in the civilizations of Egypt.

• Explain how physical characteristics affected Ancient Egypt.
• Illustrate the course of the Nile through Egypt and Nubia.
• Explain the connection between the ability to predict when the Nile would flood and the longevity of Egypt’s civilization.
• Explain the reasons why Herodotus wrote “Egypt is a gift of the Nile.”
• Explain the key role the Nile played in accumulating wealth from trade.

Egyptian Rulers and Dynasties
Students will demonstrate the role Egyptian rulers and dynasties played in Egyptian civilization lasting for over 2000 years.

• Discuss reasons why Egypt’s government was long lasting.
• Analyze the connection between religion and the leadership of ancient Egypt.
• Describe the importance of dynasties in Egypt.

Egyptian Religion
Students will demonstrate the role religion played in the civilizations of Egypt.

• Show the connection between religion and the leadership of ancient Egypt.
• Explain the role of important gods within Egyptian religion.
• Describe the importance of religion and the afterlife.
• Illustrate the purpose of Egyptian pyramids.

Egyptian Society and Achievements
Students will describe societal structure of Egyptian society and what accomplishments Egyptians were able to achieve.

• Compare and contrast the daily life of each social class.
• Compare how each social class was affected by religion.
• Express the importance of Egyptian achievements in writing, astronomy, and medicine.
Unit Three

Ancient Civilization of Asia

Students will understand the development and basic beliefs of ancient civilizations of the Far East.

• Understand the role of geography in the development of the Far Eastern civilizations.
• Understand the development and basic beliefs of religions of the Far East.

Students will understand the role of geography in the development of ancient civilizations of the Far East.

• Identify geographic features that affected the development of ancient civilizations of Asia.

Students will understand the development and basic beliefs of Far East religions.

• Explain how the religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism began.
• Identify the fundamental beliefs of each individual religion.
• Explain how each religion shaped various civilization of ancient Asia.
• Explain and illustrate the growth and development of each religion.
• Explain the influence of each religion on present day civilizations.

Unit Four

Civilizations of Ancient Greece

Students will understand how the civilizations of Ancient Greece influenced the development of Western Civilization.

• Understand how the civilizations of Ancient Greece were influenced by geography and conflict.
• Understand how the civilizations of Ancient Greece influenced the development of Western Civilization.
• Understand the daily life of ancient Greeks and how their society functioned.
• Understand the culture and conflict between each individual Greek city-state.
• Understand how Greek Culture spread through the known world.

The Development of Ancient Greece

Students will understand how the civilizations of Ancient Greece were influenced by geography and conflict.

• Identify the geographic features that affected the development of Ancient Greece.
• Explain the relationship between the geography of Greece and the development of Greek city-states.
• Identify the different forms of government that developed in Ancient Greece.
• Compare and contrast each form of government.
• Explain the connection between the governments of today and the governments of Ancient Greece.
Ancient Greek Culture

Students will understand how the civilizations of Ancient Greece influenced the development of Western Civilization.

- Identify specific cultural influences of the ancient Greeks.
- Explain the influence of Greek culture on present day civilizations.
- Describe the role religion played in the lives of ancient Greeks.
- Describe how the Greeks sought knowledge and truth in their studies of philosophy and religion.
- Illustrate the movement of Greek Culture.

Greek Society

Students will understand the interaction between the social classes of ancient Greeks and how these classes functioned in Greek society.

- Explain the influence of Greek culture on present day civilizations.
- Describe how Greek society was divided into social classes.
- Describe everyday life in ancient Greece.
- Compare and contrast the daily lives of men, women, and slaves.

Greek City-States

Students will understand the culture and conflict between each individual Greek city-state.

- Identify conflicts that affect the Greek city-states.
- Identify the causes of conflict.
- Analyze the effect of conflict on Greek city-states and the development of future civilizations.

Hellenistic Kingdoms and the Spread of Greek Culture

Students will understand how Greek Culture spread through the known world.

- Identify specific cultural influences of the ancient Greeks.
- Describe the spread of Greek culture.
- Explain the influence of Greek culture on present day civilizations.
- Illustrate the movement of Greek culture.

Unit Five

Ancient Rome

Students will understand how the civilization of Ancient Rome influenced the development of Western Civilization.

- Understand how the Roman Republic functioned and its influence on the development of Western Civilization.
- Understand how the Rome Empire developed and its influence on Western Civilization.
- Understand how the cultural achievements of Ancient Rome influenced the development of Western Civilization.
- Understand the role each social class played in Ancient Rome and how they influenced life in Ancient Rome.
- Understand how Christianity developed and what influence the religion had on Ancient Rome.
• Understand how the Byzantine civilization developed and its influences on Western Civilization.

Roman Republic
Students will understand how the Roman Republic functioned and its influence on the development of Western Civilization.
• Explain how a republican form of government developed and how it functioned within Roman society.
  • Describe the social classes that existed in the Roman Republic.
  • Describe what events led to the fall of the Roman Republic.
  • Analyze the influences of the Roman Republic on Western Civilization and future governments.

Rome Empire
Students will understand how the Rome Empire developed and its influence on Western Civilization.
• Identify the different political classes that comprised Roman society.
• Define the components of an Empire.
• Describe how the empire was created and how it functioned within Roman society.
• Describe the factors the led to the fall of the Roman Empire.
• Analyze the connection between leadership and the success and failure of the Roman Empire.
• Describe the characteristics of the social classes of Ancient Rome.

Rome Achievements
Students will understand how the cultural achievements of Ancient Rome influenced the development of Western Civilization.
• Identify achievements of the Ancient Romans.
• Explain what influences were responsible for the advancement of Roman architecture, law, and religion.
• Analyze how Roman achievements influenced civilizations that emerged after the fall of Rome and are still found in civilizations of today.

Roman Society and Daily Life
Students will understand the social classes that existed in Ancient Rome and how each functioned in Roman society.
• Describe the characteristics of the social classes of Ancient Rome.
• Analyze the differences that existed between each social class and how that affected daily life.
• Compare and contrast present day society to that of Ancient Rome.

The Beginnings of Christianity
Students will understand how Christianity developed and what influence it had on Ancient Rome.
• Describe the beginnings of Christianity.
• Describe the basic principles of Christianity.
• Analyze how Christianity was accepted within the Roman Empire.
• Analyze what role the spread of Christianity played in the fall of Rome.

**Byzantine Empire**

*Students will understand how the Ancient Byzantine civilization developed and its influences on Western Civilization.*

• Analyze what role the spread of Christianity played in the fall of Rome.
• Discuss the reasons why the Roman Empire was divided into an eastern and western empire.
• Analyze why the Byzantine Empire was successful.
• Describe the factors that led to the fall of the Byzantine Empire.
• Analyze what role religion and leadership played in the fall of the Byzantine Empire.

**Unit Six**

*The World Religion of Islam*

*Students will understand the basic beliefs of Islam and influences of Islam on past and present civilizations.*

• Understand the development and spread of Islam.
• Understand the basic beliefs of Islam.
• Understand how Islamic culture and society influenced past and present civilizations.

*Rise and Spread of Islam*

*Students will understand the development and spread of Islam.*

• Describe how geography affected the development and spread of Islam.
• Describe the role of Muhammad in the development and spread of Islam.
• Analyze what developments assisted the spread of Islam.

*Basic Beliefs of Islam*

*Students will understand the basic beliefs of Islam.*

• Describe the role of Muhammad in the development and spread of Islam.
• Identify the basic beliefs of Islam.
• Describe the 5 pillars of Islam.

*Islamic Culture and Society*

*Students will understand how Islamic culture and society influenced past and present civilizations.*

• Describe the similarities and differences between the Sunni and Shiite communities.
• Describe the roles that men and women comprise in the Islamic Community.
• Compare and contrast the world religions of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.
• Identify the contributions of Muslim scholars to the human understanding of the world.
Unit Seven

European Middle Ages

Students will understand the role of religion, trade, and government in the development of feudal societies of the Middle Ages.

• Understand the role of feudalism in development of the social structure of Europe during the Middle Ages.
• Understand the role of religion in the development of medieval society.
• Understand the events that led to the development of cities and nations.
• Understand the role the Renaissance and the Reformation played during the Middle Ages.
• Understand the events leading to the start of the Age of Exploration and changes that this period brought.

Feudalism

Students will understand the importance of feudalism in the development of medieval societies.

• Describe Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire.
• Describe how feudalism replaced Roman culture.
• Describe how feudalism organized and protected Europe.
• Illustrate the manor system.
• Analyze the duties of each class within the feudal system.

Religion in Middle Ages

Students will understand the importance of religion during the Middle Ages.

• Describe the religious duties of the church during the Middle Ages.
• Describe the political obligations of the church during the Middle Ages.
• Analyze the relationship between clergy and lay men.
• Analyze the relationship between the church’s religious and political duties.
• Describe the religious and economic factors that led to the crusades.
• Identify the role of key figures in the development of the crusades.

Rise of Cities and Nations

Students will understand events that led to the development of cities and rise of nations.

• Describe the events that led to the rise of cities.
• Describe how the growth of cities and the rise of the merchant class affected medieval life.
• Describe the characteristics of a nation.
• Describe the increase in the power of European Kings.
• Describe what events led to the rise of nations.

Renaissance and Reform

Students will understand the role of the Renaissance and the Reformation as these movements began to change medieval societies.

• Describe what events led to the Renaissance and Reformation.
• Analyze the changes that took place in European society because of Renaissance and Reformation.
• Illustrate the achievements of the Renaissance.
• Describe changes to the Roman Catholic Church & European society that occurred due to the Reformation.

European Exploration

Students will understand the events leading to the start of the Age of Exploration and the changes that this period brought.

• Illustrate European exploration routes.
• Describe the contributions of Portugal and Spain in exploration.
• Describe the results of European exploration.
• Analyze the role that the Renaissance and the rise of nations played in exploration.