

Syllabus for Ancient Civilizations

Sessions 1-2: Fridays 9:00-10:45 A.M.

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[Google Class](#) Code: **5ijwyr7**

Description: In this class, we'll go back in time to ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Rome, and more to learn about the cultures, governments, artistic and scientific breakthroughs that form the foundations of our modern societies. Each civilization will include a hands-on art, STEM, or cultural project to allow for reflection and critical thinking about ancient history and modern connections. Students will acquire a broad overview of ancient history, with opportunities for more in-depth study.

Materials Needed:

- Composition book for notetaking and map work. We will be focusing on study, notetaking and organization, and students will have regular notebook checks throughout the session.
- Writing utensil

Expectations:

* This is a hands-on class and **students will need to be in attendance in order to get credit.** (*If an absence cannot be avoided the student can arrange to do makeup work during a study session.*)

* **Students will be expected to take notes** and to keep those notes and other materials neatly in their composition book. Students will have regular notebook checks throughout the session and they **must have their class notes & materials with them at every class.**

* During the course of the class we will be using various building tools for STEAM projects (*scissors, box-cutters, pins, hot glue, water, and more*) **it is each student's responsibility to treat the tools and their fellow students with care and respect.**

* As their **final project presentation**, students will research a subtopic from a civilization of their choice.

Grading

- 20% Attendance
- 30% Participation: preparation, curiosity and discussion
- 30% Notes and Notebook checks
- 20% Homework, final project and presentation

Course Outline

WEEK 1: Introductions, timelines, Paleolithic Period

WEEK 2 & 3: Rise of Agriculture, Mesopotamia

WEEKS 4 & 5: Ancient Egypt

WEEKS 6 & 7: Ancient Israel and the Rise of Monotheism

WEEKS 8 & 9: Early India

WEEKS 10 & 11: Early China

WEEKS 12 & 13: Ancient Greece

WEEK 14: Rise of Rome

WEEK 15: Rome cont., Final Projects & Presentations - **Parents Welcome!!**