

Historical Inquiry Skills

History as a Study

Describe historical inquiry.

Explain how historical interpretations may change over time.

Explain methods used by historians to study the past.

Analyzing Time Lines

Compare time-measurement systems.

Identify terms used to define time and time periods.

Read and analyze time lines.

Sources of Historical Information

Determine the central ideas of primary and secondary sources.

Explain sources used by historians to explore the past.

Recognize how and why historical accounts change over time.

Using Primary and Secondary Sources

Evaluate primary and secondary sources.

Explain different historical viewpoints.

Recognize primary and secondary sources.

Applying Geography to World History

Analyze the purposes of various types of maps.

Compare ancient and current maps.

Interpret maps using geographic tools.

Applying Economics to World History

Compare the types of economic systems that emerged in the ancient world.

Describe basic economic principles.

Explain factors that motivated trade among ancient civilizations.

Identify the role trade played in the growth of ancient civilizations.

Early Humankind and the Development of Human Societies

Prehistory and Early Human Migration

Analyze historical migration patterns of early peoples.

Describe the relationship between early hunter-gatherers and the natural environment.

Explain characteristics of early hunter-gatherer societies.



Neolithic Agriculture and Settlement

Compare the lifestyles of hunter-gatherers with those of early farming villagers.

Describe agricultural advancements made during the Neolithic Revolution.

Identify reasons for the domestication of animals and plants.

Rivers, Settlements, and the First Civilizations

Analyze the influence of the environment on the development of agricultural societies.

Explain the impact of the agricultural revolution on the development of early societies.

Identify characteristics of the earliest permanent settlements.

Fertile Crescent

Describe the physical geography and climate of the Fertile Crescent.

Explain the role of physical geography in the rise of Mesopotamian civilizations.

Identify the major physical features of the Fertile Crescent.

Sumerian City-States

Describe the achievements of the Sumerian civilization.

Describe the political, economic and social characteristics of the Sumerian city-states.

The First Empires

Describe the achievements of the early Mesopotamian empires.

Explain factors that influenced the rise and fall of the early Mesopotamian empires.

Identify key figures in the creation and spread of the early Mesopotamian empires.

Ancient Civilizations of Egypt and Kush

Geography of North Africa

Analyze the influence of the natural environment on economic growth in ancient Egypt.

Describe the importance of the Nile River to the ancient Egyptians.

Identify the major physical features of the Nile River Valley.

Life in Ancient Egypt

Describe the structure of ancient Egyptian society.

Determine and support the central ideas of a text by citing textual evidence.

Explain the religious beliefs and practices of ancient Egyptians.

Identify the major achievements of ancient Egyptian society.

Egypt's Old and Middle Kingdoms

Analyze the importance of the pharaoh in ancient Egypt.

Describe the rise and fall of the Middle Kingdom of ancient Egypt.

Explain the origins of the Old Kingdom of ancient Egypt.



Egypt's New Kingdom

Analyze the impact of Ramses the Great's leadership on the kingdom.

Describe Queen Hatshepsut's economic accomplishments.

Explain how the contributions of Akhenaton and Tutankhamen led to religious reforms in Egypt.

Economy of Ancient Egypt

Compare the economies of ancient Egypt and ancient Mesopotamia.

Describe how trade influenced the culture of ancient Egypt.

Describe the economy of ancient Egypt.

Explain the importance of trade to the economy of ancient Egypt.

The Kingdom of Kush (Nubia)

Analyze the cultural, political, and economic relationships the kingdoms of Kush and Egypt had on each other.

Describe the land of Nubia and the Kingdom of Kush.

Describe the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Kush.

Writing an Informative Essay About Leadership

Explain how to organize an informative essay.

Explain how to write an informative essay.

Identify reasons that support an idea.

Revise writing to use transitions and include narrative elements.

Use facts, details, and examples to support reasons.

Judaism and the Ancient Hebrews

Origins of Judaism

Describe the central beliefs of Judaism.

Explain how Hebrew traditions are reflected in the ethical traditions of Western civilization.

Identify the origins and key figures of Judaism.

The Israelites

Describe how the physical environment influenced the ancient Israelites.

Explain the significance of major historical figures in Judaism.

Trace the movements and settlements of the ancient Israelites.

The Diaspora

Analyze the impact of the Babylonian captivity on the Jewish faith.

Describe the experiences of the Jewish people under Persian, Syrian, and Roman rule.

Explain the causes and effects of the Jewish Diaspora.



The Early Civilizations of India

Geography of South Asia and the Indus Valley Civilization

Analyze maps to understand physical features of ancient Indus Valley civilizations.

Describe characteristics of Harappan civilization.

Describe how geographic factors influenced civilizations in the Indus River Valley.

Identify the major physical features of the Indian subcontinent.

The Aryan Migration and Impact on Indian Life

Analyze maps to trace the Aryan migration into the Indian subcontinent.

Describe the influence of the Aryan migration on Indian culture.

Explain features of the caste system in ancient India.

Origins of Hinduism

Describe the major beliefs and practices of Hinduism.

Describe the spread of Hinduism.

Explain the early development of Hinduism.

Identify how a text presents information.

Buddhism

Describe the key beliefs of Buddhism.

Describe the spread of Buddhism.

Explain the origins of Buddhism.

The Mauryan Empire

Describe the achievements of Asoka.

Describe the political, economic, and religious characteristics of the Mauryan Empire.

Explain the origins of the Mauryan Empire.

The Achievements of Early Indian Civilizations

Describe the cultural achievements of early Indian civilizations.

Explain the achievements in science, math, and technology made by early Indian civilizations.

Writing an Argumentative Essay about an Ancient Civilization

Develop and revise a research plan.

Revise writing to include clarifying transitions.

Support a claim with reasons and evidence.

Write an argumentative essay.



The Early Civilizations of China

Geography of East Asia

Describe the influence of the physical environment of East Asia on early Chinese civilizations.

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text.

Identify the major physical features of East Asia.

The Shang and Zhou Dynasties

Describe the achievements of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.

Explain how geography affected the rise and fall of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.

Identify key characteristics of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.

Confucianism, Taoism, and Legalism

Describe the basic teachings of Laozi, Confucius, and Han Feizi.

Explain how Legalism, Confucianism, and Taoism shaped Chinese society.

Identify the political and cultural challenges in ancient China.

The Qin Dynasty and the Unification of Northern China

Describe how Legalism influenced the policies of Emperor Qin Shihuangdi.

Explain how Emperor Qin Shihuangdi unified China.

Identify the achievements of Emperor Qin Shihuangdi.

The Han Dynasty

Describe Chinese culture and daily life during the Han dynasty.

Describe the accomplishments of key figures of the Han dynasty.

Describe the influence of Confucianism on the Han government.

Explain the political policies enacted during the Han dynasty.

The Silk Road

Describe the geographic features of China that made trade difficult.

Describe the significance of the Silk Road to the economies and cultures of China and Europe.

Explain the benefits and drawbacks of trade between China and Europe.

The Achievements of Early Chinese Civilizations

Describe how innovation transformed early Chinese societies.

Describe the innovations of ancient Chinese civilizations.

Explain how cultural expressions reflected the values of the Chinese.

Ancient Greece

Geography of the Mediterranean

Describe geographic features of ancient Greece.

Explain how physical geography influenced the development of civilization in ancient Greece.



Early Greek and Phoenician Civilizations

Describe the achievements of the Mycenaean civilization.

Describe the development of the Minoan civilization.

Explain the importance of trade and its effects on Greek civilization.

Government and Citizenship in Ancient Greece

Describe the evolution of government in ancient Greece.

Describe the responsibilities of citizens under Athenian democracy.

Explain features of democracy in ancient Greece.

Explain the political organization of the Greek city-states.

Athens and Sparta

Compare the societies and cultures of Athens and Sparta.

Describe the effects of the Persian Wars on the Greek city-states.

The Persian Empire

Describe key elements of ancient Persian culture.

Describe the expansion of the Persian Empire.

Explain the causes and effects of the Persian Wars with Greece.

The Peloponnesian Wars

Analyze the role of geography in the Peloponnesian War.

Describe the rise of the Athenian Empire under the leadership of Pericles.

Explain the causes and effects of the Peloponnesian War.

Writing a Research-Based Essay to Compare the Societies of Athens and Sparta

Develop a topic using evidence from research.

Organize paragraphs to include research.

Revise the writing to conclude ideas.

Write a research-based informative essay.

Greek Civilization

Ancient Greek Mythology and Everyday Life

Analyze how art, literature, and architecture reflect the values of the ancient Greeks.

Describe the religious beliefs of ancient Greeks.

Explain the influence of ancient Greece on today's literature and language.



The Achievements of Ancient Greece

Describe the purposes of major Greek architecture.

Examine the influence of ancient Greek philosophers and their impact on education and society in Greece.

Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.

Identify significant figures and contributions of ancient Greece.

The Influence of Athenian Democracy on the US

Compare Athenian democracy with democracy in the United States.

Explain the influence of Athenian democracy on the American political process.

Identify political concepts central to Athenian democracy.

Alexander the Great

Analyze the impact of the diffusion of Hellenistic culture.

Describe the achievements of Alexander the Great.

Explain the unification of the Greek city-states by Philip II of Macedonia.

The Achievements of Hellenistic Civilizations

Describe the contributions of important Hellenistic figures to philosophy and the arts.

Describe the contributions of important Hellenistic figures to sciences and mathematics.

Explain the importance of the city of Alexandria to Hellenistic culture.

Roman Republic

Rise of Rome

Analyze the role of physical geography in the development and growth of Rome.

Explain how myths tell of Rome's founding.

Locate and describe the physical geography of the Italian Peninsula.

Society in the Roman Republic

Analyze the role of religion in ancient Rome.

Describe the economic characteristics of ancient Rome.

Explain the class system of ancient Roman society.

Roman Principles of Government

Describe the political system of the Roman Republic.

Explain the democratic principles established during the Roman Republic.

Rome and the Punic Wars

Analyze the growth of the Roman Republic throughout the Mediterranean world.

Describe the effects of expansion during the Roman Republic.

Explain the causes and effects of the Punic Wars.



From Republic to Empire

Describe characteristics of Julius Caesar's rule.

Explain how Julius Caesar came to power.

Explain the causes and effects of Julius Caesar's assassination.

Identify factors that led to the rise of the Roman Empire.

Roman Empire

Roman Empire at Its Height

Describe the achievements of Caesar Augustus.

Describe the geographical expansion and growth of the Roman Empire.

Explain factors that encouraged the growth of trade and the economy in the Roman Empire.

Daily Life in the Roman Empire

Analyze the influence of religion on Roman society.

Describe life in Roman cities.

Explain how society was organized in the Roman Empire.

The Achievements of the Roman Empire

Analyze the influence of Roman culture and innovations on other societies.

Describe the importance of Roman innovations in engineering and architecture and how they led to the expansion of the Roman Empire.

Explain the developments of Roman art and literature.

Origins of Christianity

Describe the contributions of key figures to the development of early Christianity.

Describe the origins of Christianity.

Explain the basic beliefs of early Christianity.

Spread of Christianity

Describe Christian life under Roman rule.

Describe the spread of Christianity.

Explain contributions of key Christian figures.

Rome under Constantine

Describe Constantine's rise to power.

Describe the impact of Constantine's conversion to Christianity.

Describe the internal weaknesses of the Roman Empire.

Explain Diocletian's response to the challenges facing the Roman Empire.



Fall of the Western Empire

Describe the effects of invading peoples on the Roman Empire.

Explain the effects of moving the Roman Empire's capital to Constantinople.

Explain the impact of the division of the Roman Empire.

Writing an Argumentative Essay about a Roman Emperor

Explain how to conduct effective research.

Revise writing to maintain a formal style.

Support a claim with reasons and evidence.

Write an argumentative essay.