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Unit 4 – Asian Civilizations India and China

Overview: In this unit, students will learn about classical civilizations (i.e., Greece, Rome, India and China) and how each one developed and expanded into empires of unprecedented size and diversity by creating centralized governments and promoting commerce, a common culture, and social values. Students will explore how cultural exchange and diffusion dramatically increased, and enduring world religions emerged, during the era of classical civilizations. Lastly. Students will discover why classical civilizations declined as a result of internal weaknesses and external invasions and how they left lasting legacies for future civilizations. Students will be able to recognize basic facts, governing systems, cultures and contributions to first societies of mankind.

Overview	Standards for Social	Essential Questions	
Overview	Studies Studies	Unit Focus	Listential Questions
Unit 4 Asian Civilizations India and China	• 6.2.8.CivicsPI.3.a • 6.2.8.CivicsDP.3.b • 6.2.8.CivicsHR.3. • 6.2.8.GeoPP.3.a • 6.2.8.GeoPP.3.b • 2.8.EconEM.3.a • 6.2.8.EconGE.3.a • 6.2.8.HistoryCC.3.a • 6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.b • 6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.c • 6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.c • 6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.a • 6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.a • 6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.a	 Identify the location of Ancient China and label the Yellow and Yangtze River. Explain the importance of the Silk Road and identify it on a map of Ancient China. Describe the impact of the Great Wall and give details about its main purpose. List all of the dynasties of Ancient China in chronological order and write a brief summary of each. Analyze the impact of expanding land and sea trade routes as well as a uniform system of exchange in the Mediterranean World and Asia. Describe how trade, religion, and social hierarchies contributed to expansion and enduring legacy. 	 Explain the similarities and differences among Classical Civilizations of the Mediterranean world; how did they develop and expand into empires? What lead to their decline? Where is Ancient China located and explain the importance of the Yellow and Yangtze River? Where is the Silk Road located and what was its purpose? How long is the Great Wall of China and who built it? What inventions were created the by the Chinese?
Unit 4: Enduring Understandings	 A civilization is a complex society marked by common written language, economic system, government, culture and religion. The geographic conditions and features of particular places supported the development of complex societies. Early civilizations made technological advancements and cultural contributions (e.g., arts, government, laws, language). China is the oldest, continuous civilization in the world. Its cultural, political, philosophical, economic, and religious contributions impacted not only the ancient world, but today as well. 		 What is a dynasty and what role did it play in Ancient China? How did geography influence the development Chinese civilization and its development of political and social order? What factors helped unified China throughout history?

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	Standards		Pacing	
Curriculum Unit 4			Weeks	Unit Weeks
Unit 4:	6.2.8.CivicsPI.3.a	Compare and contrast the methods (i.e., autocratic rule, philosophies, and bureaucratic structures) used by the rulers of Rome, China, and India to control and unify their expanding empires.		
Asian Civilizations India and	6.2.8.CivicsDP.3.a	Compare and contrast the American legal system with the legal systems of classical civilizations and determine the extent to which these early systems influenced our current legal system (e.g., Babylonian Code of Hammurabi, Roman Justinian Code, Israelite Jewish Law).	2	
China	6.2.8.CivicsDP.3.b	Use evidence to describe the impact of Athenian democracy and the Roman Republic on the development of the United State Constitution.		
	6.2.8.CivicsHR.3.a	Compare and contrast the rights and responsibilities of free men, women, slaves, and foreigners in the political, economic, and social structures of classical civilizations.		
	6.2.8.GeoPP.3.a	Use geographic models to describe how the availability of natural resources influenced the development of the political, economic, and cultural systems of each of the classical civilizations and provided motivation for expansion.	1	0
	6.2.8.GeoPP.3.b	Explain how geography and the availability of natural resources led to both the development of classical civilizations and to their decline.		8
	2.8.EconEM.3.a	Analyze the impact of expanding land and sea trade routes as well as a uniform system of exchange in the Mediterranean World and Asia.		
	6.2.8.EconGE.3.a	Explain how classical civilizations used technology and innovation to enhance agricultural/ manufacturing output and commerce, to expand military capabilities, to improve life in urban areas, and to allow for greater division of labor.	1	
	6.2.8.HistoryCC.3.a	Determine the extent to which religion, economic issues, and conflict shaped the values and decisions of the classical civilizations.		
	6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.a	Compare and contrast social hierarchies in classical civilizations as they relate to power, wealth, and equality.		
	6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.b	Compare the status of groups in the Ancient World to those of people today and evaluate how individuals perceived the principles of liberty and equality then and now (i.e., political, economic, and social).		
	6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.c	Compare and contrast the tenets of various world religions that developed in or around this time period (i.e., Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Taoism), their patterns of expansion, and their responses to the current challenges of globalization.	3	

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6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.a	Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of Greece, Rome, India, and China over time.		
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6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.b	Determine common factors that contributed to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, Gupta India, and Han China.		
	Assessment, Re-teach and Extension	1	

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Content Statement	Indicator #	Indicator	
Governments have different structures which impact development (expansion) and civic participation.	6.2.8.CivicsPI.3.a	Compare and contrast the methods (i.e., autocratic rule, philosophies, and bureaucratic structures) used by the rulers of Rome, China, and India to control and unify their expanding empires.	
The principles of the United States government are based on political philosophies, ideas, and experiences of earlier governments.	6.2.8.CivicsDP.3.a	Compare and contrast the American legal system with the legal systems of classical civilizations and determine the extent to which these early systems influenced our current legal system (e.g., Babylonian Code of Hammurabi, Roman Justinian Code, Israelite Jewish Law).	
	6.2.8.CivicsDP.3.b	Use evidence to describe the impact of Athenian democracy and the Roman Republic on the development of the United State Constitution.	
Governments have protected and abused human rights (to varying degree)s at different times throughout history.	6.2.8.CivicsHR.3.a	Compare and contrast the rights and responsibilities of free men, women, slaves, and foreigners in the political, economic, and social structures of classical civilizations.	
Relationships between humans and environments impact spatial patterns of settlement and movement.	6.2.8.GeoPP.3.a	Use geographic models to describe how the availability of natural resources influenced the development of the political, economic, and cultural systems of each of the classical civilizations and provided motivation for expansion.	
	6.2.8.GeoPP.3.b	Explain how geography and the availability of natural resources led to both the development of classical civilizations and to their decline.	
People voluntarily exchange goods and services when all parties expect to gain as a result of the trade	2.8.EconEM.3.a	Analyze the impact of expanding land and sea trade routes as well as a uniform system of exchange in the Mediterranean World and Asia.	
Economic interdependence is impacted by increased specialization and trade.	6.2.8.EconGE.3.a	Explain how classical civilizations used technology and innovation to enhance agricultural/ manufacturing output and commerce, to expand military capabilities, to improve life in urban areas, and to allow for greater division of labor.	
Historical events and developments are shaped by social, political, cultural, technological, and economic factors.	6.2.8.HistoryCC.3.a	Determine the extent to which religion, economic issues, and conflict shaped the values and decisions of the classical civilizations.	
An individual's perspective is impacted by their sbackground and experiences.	6.2.8. HistoryUP. 3. a	Compare and contrast social hierarchies in classical civilizations as they relate to power, wealth, and equality.	

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Perspectives change over time.	6.2.8.HistoryUP.3.b	Compare the status of groups in the Ancient World to those of people today
		and evaluate how individuals perceived the principles of liberty and equality
		then and now (i.e., political, economic, and social).
Historians analyze claims within sources for perspective	6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.a	Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements
and validity.		of Greece, Rome, India, and China over time.
	6.2.8.HistoryCA.3.b	Determine common factors that contributed to the decline and fall of the
	-	Roman Empire, Gupta India, and Han China.

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Assessment Plan

- Complete an assessment that includes: multiple choice, true/false, definitions, matching, fill-in the blank, and open ended questions.
- Complete Active Journal Workbook pages that includes: main idea and detail skills, cause and effect skills, sequence skills, summarizing skills, definitions, matching, fill-in the blank, and open ended questions, timeline skills, map skills.
- Argumentative Essay: Which ancient Chinese values or belief systems helped produce the most effective government in ancient China?
- Research Paper: write a research paper on the technological innovations of ancient India.
- Homework monitor and assess class work.

- Short constructed response
- Exit tickets
- Project-Based Learning: A Trip Through India You have the amazing opportunity to lead a tour group to India.

You get to plan the entire trip. Create a brochure of historical and cultural things to do and see in India. Your brochure should include a travel schedule with information about each of the sites you'll visit.

- Project-Based Learning: Write an Obituary
 An obituary sums up the achievements and highlights of a person's life. At the end of this topic, you'll write an obituary for the leader who first unified all of China—sometimes though controversial means. Your obituary will help summarize this ruler's life—the good, the bad, and the ugly.s.
 - Students will explore Easter Island to learn more about Pacific Islanders. A short informational essay will detail information about the lost island.

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/easter/

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Resources	Activities
Savvas myWorld Interactive World History TextbookNBC Learn videos	• On a map of Asia find and outline Ancient China and label the Yellow and Yangtze River.
 Graphic Organizers and outline notes 	• Create an advertising brochure recruiting traders to use the Silk Road
 Journal Entries and writing prompts Leveled Reading	in Ancient China.
Writing CentersMaps online and in textbook	 Using a Venn diagram to compare and contrast two dynasties of
Chrome-book and IPad	Ancient China.
www.Readworks.orghttps://www.commonlit.org/	Pick an invention created in Ancient China and discuss its importance.
https://www.mrdonn.org/www.ducksters.com	importance.
• Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Educational Resources	
 https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/dei/ NJ Climate Change Education Resources- 	
• https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/climate/index.shtml/	
 New Jersey Holocaust Commission Resources Classroom instruction and activities will include, where appropriate, 	
curricula on Holocaust and genocides and shall further emphasize personal responsibility that each citizen bears to	
fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever possible as per	
18A:35-28 www.nj.gov/education/holocaust/ NJ	
Department of Education - Classroom instruction and activities will include, where appropriate, curricula regarding	
the contributions of African Americans to our country as per	
18A:52: www.nj.gov/education/amistad	

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Instructional Best Practices and Exemplars		
1. Identifying similarities and differences	6. Cooperative learning	
2. Summarizing and note taking	7. Setting objectives and providing feedback	
3. Reinforcing effort and providing recognition	8. Generating and testing hypotheses	
4. Homework and practice	9. Cues, questions, and advance organizers	
5. Nonlinguistic representations	10. Manage response rates	

9.1 Personal Financial Literacy, 9.2 Career Awareness, Exploration, Preparation and Training & 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills

- **9.4.8.IML.3:** Create a digital visualization that effectively communicates a data set using formatting techniques such as form, position, size, color, movement, and spatial grouping (e.g., 6.SP.B.4, 7.SP.B.8b).
- **9.1.8.CR.1:** Compare and contrast the role of philanthropy, volunteer service, and charities in community development and the quality of life in a variety of cultures.
- **9.4.8.GCA.1:** Model how to navigate cultural differences with sensitivity and respect (e.g., 1.5.8.C1a).
- **9.4.8.CI.1:** Assess data gathered on varying perspectives on causes of climate change (e.g., cross- cultural, gender-specific, generational), and determine how the data can best be used to design multiple potential solutions (e.g., RI.7.9, 6.SP.B.5, 7.1.NH.IPERS.6, 8.2.8.ETW.4).
- **9.4.8.DC.1:** Analyze the resource citations in online materials for proper use.
- **9.4.8.GCA.2:** Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.
- **9.4.8.IML.4:** Ask insightful questions to organize different types of data and create meaningful visualizations.
- **9.4.8.IML.7:** Use information from a variety of sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures for a specific purpose (e.g., 1.2.8.C2a, 1.4.8.CR2a, 2.1.8.CHSS/IV.8.AI.1, W.5.8, 6.1.8.GeoSV.3.a, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.4.b, 7.1.NH. IPRET.8).
- **9.4.8.TL.3:** Select appropriate tools to organize and present information digitally.

The implementation of the 21st Century skills and standards for students of the Winslow Township District is infused in an interdisciplinary format in a variety of curriculum areas that include, English language Arts, Mathematics, School Guidance, Social Studies, Technology, Visual and Performing Arts, Science, Physical Education and Health, and World Language.

Additional opportunities to address 9.1, 9.2 & 9.4:

Philadelphia Mint

https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids/resources/educational-standards

Different ways to teach Financial Literacy.

https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-interactive-financial-websites-teach-kids-money-management-skills/

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Modifications for Special Education/504

Students with special needs: The students' needs will be addressed on an individual and grade level using a variety of modalities. Accommodations will be made for those students who need extra time to complete assignment. Support staff will be available to aid students related to IEP specifications. 504 accommodations will also be attended to by all instructional leaders. Physical expectations and modifications, alternative assessments, and scaffolding strategies will be used to support this learning. The use of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) will be considered for all students as teaching strategies are considered.

- Small group instruction
- Audio books/ Text-to-speech platforms
- Leveled texts/Vocabulary Readers
- Leveled informational texts via online
- Modeling and guided practice
- Read directions aloud
- Repeat, rephrase and clarify directions
- Extended time as needed
- Break down assignments into smaller units
- Provide shortened assignments
- Modify testing format
- Repeat directions as needed
- Graphic organizers
- Study Guides, Study Aids and Re teaching as needed

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Modifications for At-Risk Students

Formative and summative data will be used to monitor student success. At first signs of failure, student work will be reviewed to determine support. This may include parent consultation, basic skills review and differentiation strategies. With considerations to UDL, time may be a factor in overcoming developmental considerations

- Audio books and Text-to-speech platforms
- Leveled texts/Vocabulary Readers
- Leveled informational texts via online
- Extended time as needed
- · Read directions aloud
- Assist with organization
- Use of computer
- Emphasize/highlight key concepts
- Recognize success
- Provide timelines for work completion
- Break down multi-step tasks into smaller chunks
- Provide copy of class notes and graphic organizer

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English Language Learners	Modifications for Gifted Students
All WIDA Can Do Descriptors can be found at this link: https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/can-do/descriptors Grades 6-8 WIDA Can Do Descriptors: Listening Speaking Reading Writing Oral Language Students will be provided with accommodations and modifications that may include: Relate to and identify commonalities in history studies in student's home country Assist with organization Use of computer Emphasize/highlight key concepts Teacher Modeling Peer Modeling Label Classroom Materials - Word Walls	Students excelling in mastery of standards will be challenged with complex, high level challenges related to the topic. Raise levels of intellectual demands Require higher order thinking, communication, and leadership skills Differentiate content, process, or product according to student's readiness, interests, and/or learning styles Provide higher level texts Expand use of open-ended, abstract questions Critical and creative thinking activities that provide an emphasis on research and in-depth study Enrichment Activities/Project-Based Learning/ Independent Study Additional Strategies may be located at the links: Gifted Programming Standards Webb's Depth of Knowledge Levels and/or Revised Bloom's Taxonomy REVISED Bloom's Taxonomy Action Verbs

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Interdisciplinary Connections

Interdisciplinary Connections:

- RH.6-8.1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- **RH.6-8.2.** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- **RH.6-8.3.** Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered)
- **RH.6-8.4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- RH.6-8.5. Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).
- **RH.6-8.6.** Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).
- **RH.6-8.7.** Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
- **NJSLSA.R1.** Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
- **NJSLSA.R4.** Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
- NJSLSA.R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
- **NJSLSA.W2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- **NJSLSA.W3**. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
- **NJSLSA.W7.** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- **NJSLSA.SL1.** Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

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Integration of Computer Science and Design Thinking NJSLS 8

8.1.8.DA.1: Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose.

8.2.8.ED.2: Identify the steps in the design process that could be used to solve a problem.

8.2.8.ITH.1: Explain how the development and use of technology influences economic, political, social, and cultural issues.

8.2.8.ITH.2: Compare how technologies have influenced society over time.