

Tennessee
6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY:
EARLY CIVILIZATIONS THROUGH THE
DECLINE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE
2018-2019 Pacing Guide

Unit	Standards	Major Topics/Concepts	
Human Origin in Africa and the Neolithic Age	6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4	6.5 6.6 6.7	Archeological evidence of the origin of human beings Hunter-gatherer societies Importance of metallurgy and agriculture Domestication of plants and animals Agriculture and population growth Characteristics of civilization Recognizing time designations and abbreviations
Mesopotamia	6.8 6.9 6.10 6.11	6.12 6.13 6.14	Geography of the Middle East Sumer, Babylon, and Assyria Sargon and Hammurabi Agriculture and the economic surplus Polytheism Impact of irrigation, metal-smithing, and slavery Achievements of Mesopotamian civilization Mesopotamian architecture and art
Ancient Egypt	6.15 6.16 6.17 6.18*	6.19 6.20 6.21 6.22	Geography of North Africa Social and economic characteristics of Nubia and Egypt Egyptian religion Achievements of Egyptian civilization The Old, Middle, and New Kingdom time periods Egyptian architecture and writing King Tut, Ramses the Great, Khufu, etc. The Kush civilization Comparing Egypt and Mesopotamia
1st Cumulative Benchmark (covering all content to this point)			
Ancient India	6.23 6.24 6.25	6.26 6.27 6.29	Geography of India Impact of Aryan invasions Brahmanism's influence on Hinduism Growth of the Maurya Empire Achievements of Emperor Asoka Sanskrit literature Development of Hindu-Arabic numerals and zero
Ancient China	6.30 6.31 6.32 6.33 6.34	6.35 6.36 6.37 6.38	Geography of China Huang-He Valley civilizations Political and cultural diversity caused by geography of China The Zhou Dynasty Emergence of Taoism, Confucianism, and Legalism Political and cultural contributions of Confucius Unification of northern China under the Qin Dynasty Political contributions of the Han Dynasty Trade with the Roman Empire via the Silk Road

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		Diffusion of Buddhism into China Expansion of the Chinese Empire through the Han Dynasty
2nd Cumulative Benchmark (covering all content to this point)		
Ancient Israel	6.39 6.40 6.41 6.42 6.43 6.44 6.45	Geography of Israel Migration of ancient Israelites from Mesopotamia Monotheism and early Judaism Unification of the Israeli tribes Founding of Jerusalem and the first Jewish temples Breakup of the Kingdom of Israel Babylonian captivity under Nebuchadnezzar Return of the Jews to Israel under the Persian Empire Survival of Judaism after Roman conquest of Israel
Ancient Greece	6.46 6.47 6.48 6.49 6.50 6.51 6.52 6.53 6.54 6.55 6.56 6.57 6.58 6.59	Geography of Greece Influence of geography on maritime trade Tyranny, oligarchy, and early democracy Development of democratic ideas and direct democracy Athens and Sparta The Persian Wars The Peloponnesian Wars Alexander the Great and the spread of Hellenistic culture The myths of Ancient Greece Institution of athletic competitions and sports Social, architectural, and artistic contributions
Ancient Rome	6.60 6.61 6.62 6.63 6.64 6.65 6.66 6.67 6.68 6.69 6.70 6.71 6.72	Geography of Italy and the Mediterranean The role of myth in the rise of Roman culture The rise of the Roman Republic Democracy in the Roman Republic Impact of Julius Caesar and Augustus Lives of Cleopatra, Marc Anthony, Nero, Constantine, etc. Growth of the Roman Empire through trade and war Roman slavery Origins of Christianity Causes of the fall of the Roman Empire Political, artistic, and economic contributions of Rome Spread of the Roman language and alphabet Comparing Roman and Greek gods and goddesses
Final Comprehensive Benchmark (covering all content)		