

Tennessee 6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES World History and Geography: Early Civilizations Through the Fall of the Western Roman Empire 2025-2026 Pacing Guide

Unit	Standards	Major Topics/Concepts
WH: Human Origins (c. 10000-3500 BCE)	1.6.01 1.6.02 1.6.03 1.6.04	Time designations and abbreviations BC/BCE and AD/CE Circa/decades/centuries Nomadic hunter-gatherer societies Use of weapons/fire/shelter/tools Agricultural Revolution Barter economy Domestication of plants and animals Permanent settlements Food surpluses Labor specialization Key characteristics of civilizations
WH: Ancient Near East (C. 3500-1700 BCE)	2.6.05 2.6.06 2.6.07 2.6.08 2.6.09 2.6.10 2.6.11 2.6.12	Locations of geographical features of Mesopotamia Black Sea Euphrates River Mediterranean Sea Persian Gulf Tigris River Zagros Mountains Geographic and climatic features of the Fertile Crescent Advancements in agriculture Irrigation/silt/metallurgy/use of animals Use of enslaved labor Wheels/sail/plow Economic growth in Sumer Expansion of trade/transportation Emergence of city-states Monarchy/empire Polytheism/Mesopotamian religion Achievements of Mesopotamia Cuneiform/clay tablets Ziggurats Epic of Gilgamesh Code of Hammurabi
		umulative Assessment
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WH: Ancient Egypt (c. 3000-799 BCE)	3.6.13 3.6.14 3.6.15 3.6.16 3.6.17 3.6.18 3.6.19	Location and geographical features of Ancient Egypt Mediterranean Sea/Red Sea Nile Delta/Nile River Upper and Lower Egypt Sahara Desert Agricultural practices of Ancient Egypt Irrigation

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		Development of a calendar
		Social structure of Ancient Egypt
		Roles of enslaved people
		Pharaohs as gods/kings
		Religion of Ancient Egypt
		Beliefs about afterlife/mummification/pyramids
		Key figures of Ancient Egypt
		Queen Hatshepsut/Ramses the Great
		Tutankhamun's tomb
		Achievements of Ancient Egypt
		Hieroglyphics/papyrus
		Pyramids/Sphinx at Giza
		Trade and conflict with Nubia
		Location and geographical features of Ancient Israel
		Dead Sea
		Jerusalem
		Jordan River
		Mediterranean Sea
		Red Sea
		Sinai Peninsula
	4.6.20	Movement of Ancient Israelites
WH: Ancient Israel	4.6.21	Key people of Judaism/Abraham/Moses
(c. 2000-500 BCE)	4.6.22	Sacred texts of Judaism/The Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)
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	4.6.24	Monotheism
		Ten Commandments
		Emphasis on individual worth and personal responsibility
		King Saul/King David/King Solomon
		Breakup of the Kingdom of Israel
		Babylonian captivity
		Persian Empire
		Location and geographical features of Ancient India
		Ganges River
		Himalayan Mountains
1		Indian Ocean
		Indus River
	5.6.25 5.6.26 5.6.27 5.6.28	Monsoon winds
		Subcontinent of India
		Harappan civilization/Indus River Valley
		Brick architecture/roads and grid systems/sewer systems
WH: Ancient India		Caste system
		Origin/features/beliefs of Hinduism
(c. 2500-400 BCE)	5.6.29	Aryan traditions
	5.6.30	The Vedas
	3.0.30	Dharma/karma/reincarnation/moksha
		Origin/features/beliefs of Buddhism
		Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)
		Tripitaka
		Four Noble Truths/Eightfold Path/Nirvana
		Intellectual traditions of Ancient India
		Medical education/techniques
		Mathematics

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WH: Ancient China (c. 2500 BCE-200 CE)	6.6.31 6.6.32 6.6.33 6.6.34 6.6.35 6.6.36 6.6.37 6.6.38	Location and geographical features of Ancient China Gobi Desert Himalayan Mountains Pacific Ocean Plateau of Tibet Yangtze River Yellow River Impact of geography on Yellow River Valley civilizations Government of Ancient China Mandate of heaven Legalism Confucius/Confucianism The Analects Social hierarchy in Ancient China Unification of China Qin Shi Huangdi/Qin Dynasty Han Dynasty Major accomplishments of the Han Dynasty Magnetic compass/paper/porcelain/silk/woodblock printing The Silk Road Cultural diffusion			
WH: Ancient Greece (c. 800-300 BCE)	7.6.39 7.6.40 7.6.41 7.6.42 7.6.43 7.6.45 7.6.46 7.6.47 7.6.48 7.6.49 7.6.50	Introduction of Buddhism to Ancient China Location and geographical features of Ancient Greece Asia Minor Athens Macedonia Mediterranean Sea Peloponnesian Peninsula Sparta Development of city-states Maritime trade Colonization of the Mediterranean The polis in city-states Civic participation Citizenship Rule of law Direct democracy Oligarchy Characteristics of Athens and Sparta Persian Wars Peloponnesian Wars Conquest by Macedonia Polytheism/religion of Ancient Greece Emergence of the Olympic Games Ancient Greek literature/Iliad/Odyssey Ancient Greek philosophers/Aristotle/Plato/Socrates Purposes of Greek architecture/Parthenon/Acropolis Unification of Greek city-states Alexander the Great Diffusion of Hellenistic culture			

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WH: Ancient Rome (c. 500 BCE-500 CE)	8.6.51 8.6.52 8.6.53 8.6.55 8.6.56 8.6.57 8.6.58 8.6.59 8.6.60 8.6.61 8.6.62	Location and geographical features of Ancient Rome Constantinople Italian Alps Italian Peninsula Mediterranean Sea Rome Tiber River Growth of Rome in the Mediterranean region and beyond Government of the Roman Republic Branches of government Checks and balances Representative democracy Rule of law/Twelve Tables Class system of Ancient Rome Patricians/plebeians/enslaved people Julius Caesar Augustus Caesar Roman Empire Pax Romana Innovations in engineering and architecture Aqueducts/arches/bridges/domes/roads/sanitation The Colosseum Polytheistic religion of Ancient Rome Origin and features of Christianity Key people of Christianity/Jesus/Paul The Bible Basic beliefs of Christianity Monotheism/sin and forgiveness/eternal life Jesus as the Messiah Jewish diaspora Division of the Roman Empire into East and West Constantine Fall of the Western Roman Empire Germanic invasions Byzantine Empire		
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