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<p>Geographic representations are essential to explain the spatial organization of people, places, and environments.</p>	<p>7.1.5</p>	<p>Why are geographic tools useful?</p>	<p>Locate and identify continents, major bodies of water, and major landforms.</p>		
			<p>Identify and interpret symbols found on map key.</p>		
			<p>Recognize lines of latitude and longitude: use latitude/longitude coordinates to find absolute location.</p>		
			<p>Use a compass rose to distinguish cardinal and intermediate directions.</p>		
			<p>Compare and contrast types of information found on globes and maps.</p>		
			<p>Distinguish different types of specialized maps and explain use.</p>		
			<p>Interpret information presented in specialized maps.</p>		

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<p>Geography is used to explain the past, interpret the present and plan for the future.</p>	8.1.3	<p>Why is time and space important to the study of history?</p>	Distinguish BC and AD time; BCE and CE time.		
			Interpret information on a time line.		
			Organize events on a time line.		
	8.4.5	<p>How did the ways of prehistoric people lead to the evolution of culture?</p>	Explain the meaning of values in a culture.		
			Discuss how cultures originate and spread.		
			Analyze the impact of technology on culture.		
			Describe how people met their need for food, clothing, and shelter in prehistoric times.		
			Trace the development of technology in making tools and weapons.		
			Explain how fire changed the lives of early people.		
			Relate how early humans discovered and used metals.		

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<p>Characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations impact culture, economic interdependence, settlement patterns, and control of the Earth's surface.</p> <p>Historical interpretation involves an analysis of cause and result.</p>	7.2.5 7.4.5	How did geography affect civilization in the Fertile Crescent?	Describe the land and climate of Mesopotamia.		
			Relate how people moved from a hunting/gathering society to a farming community.		
	8.4.5	How did the people of the Fertile Crescent use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	Explain why civilizations prospered in river valleys.		
			Trace the development of the city-state as political unit.		
			Explain the development of cuneiform and relate its importance to Sumer.		
			Discuss the importance of Hammurabi's Code of Law		
			Distinguish cultural advancements of Assyrians, Babylonians, Chaldeans, and Sumerians.		
			Describe Assyrian warfare and conquest of Babylon.		
	8.4.5	Why does conflict develop?			

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Religion has played a central role in human history from ancient times to today.	8.4.5	What role has religion played in human development from ancient times to modern?	Explain the covenant God made with Abraham.		
			Distinguish monotheism from polytheism.		
			Tell how Moses led the Israelites out of slavery.		
			Discuss the role of David and Solomon in the Kingdom of Israel.		

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			Explain how Egyptian life depended on the annual flood of the Nile.		
Religion has played a central role in human history from ancient times to today.	8.3.5	What role has religion played in human development from ancient times to modern?	Analyze the place of religion in Egyptian society.		
			Explain how the Egyptians' belief in an afterlife influenced their lifestyle and burial practices.		
Earliest civilizations created technologies and systems to meet community and personal needs.	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did the people of the Nile River Valley use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	Discuss Egyptian advancements in building as seen in construction of pyramids and temples.		
			Explain the development of hieroglyphics and relate its importance to Egypt.		
			Describe sailing vessels of Egypt and explain their role in the expansion of trade.		
Historical interpretation involves an analysis of cause and result.	8.4.5	Why did empires rise and fall?	Explain how the kingdoms of ancient Egypt were unified.		
			List the changes that marked the years of the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms.		
			Describe how Egypt prospered and became an empire during the New Kingdom.		

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			Analyze why people settled in the region of the Indus River.		
			Explain how the Indus River affected farming in the valley.		
Earliest civilizations created technologies and systems to meet community and personal needs.	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did the people of the Indus Valley use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	List the special features of the city of Mohenjo Daro.		
			Describe Harappan civilization.		
Religion has played a central role in human history from ancient times to today.	8.4.5	What role has religion played in human development from ancient times to modern?	Explain the origins of Hinduism and list key beliefs.		
			Trace the development of Buddhism and identify core beliefs.		
			Analyze how Hinduism and Buddhism spread and changed.		
			Differentiate key differences between Hinduism and Buddhism.		

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<p>Geography is used to explain the past, interpret the present and plan for the future.</p> <p>Earliest civilizations created technologies and systems to meet community and personal needs.</p>	7.2.5 7.4.5	How did geography affect the civilization in China?	Describe the land and climate of China.		
			Explain the role of the Huang He in the development of Chinese civilization.		
	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did the people of China use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	Describe the culture and government of the Shang Dynasty.		
			Explain how China changed under the Zhou Dynasty.		
			Identify the cultural advances of the Warring States Period.		
			Trace the expansion and cultural development under Shi Huangdi.		
			List the contributions of the Han Dynasty.		
	8.4.5	How do new ideas change the way people live?	Trace the origins of Confucianism and identify core teachings.		
			Explain why Confucius placed great value on education.		
			Compare and contrast the philosophies of Shi Huangdi and Confucius.		

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World history continues to influence the world today.	7.2.5 7.4.5	How did geography affect the civilization in Balkan Peninsula?	Assess how the rugged terrain of Greece impacted living conditions.		
			Analyze why people of Greece became seafarers.		
			Discuss the value of sea trade and travel for ancient Greece.		
	5.1.5 8.4.5	How are the systems of power, authority, and governance used to establish order in ancient civilizations influence current systems of government?	Trace the development of the Greek city-state as political unit.		
			Describe the role of government, education, military service, and trade in Athens.		
			Explain how Sparta was ruled and describe the role of education and military service.		
			Analyze the differences in Athenian Spartan lifestyles.		

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Earliest civilizations created technologies and systems to meet community and personal needs	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did the people of the Balkan Peninsula use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	Discuss key persons in the development of Greek philosophy, government, medicine, literature etc. Identify aspects of Greek culture that have influenced our lives today.		
Historical interpretation involves an analysis of cause and result.	8.4.5	Why did empires rise and fall?	Analyze the impact of warfare between the city-states of Greece and warfare between civilizations of the Mediterranean region.		
Individuals can produce change and produce positive advances in our global community.	8.4.5	What are the characteristics of great leaders?	Discuss how Alexander the Great spread Greek culture through his conquests and expansion of his empire.		

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The transformation of cultures during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance have impacted modern times.	7.2.5 7.4.5	How did geography affect the civilization in the Italian Peninsula?	Identify key land and water features of the Italian Peninsula			
			Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of the geographical features of the peninsula.			
			Discuss geographical reasons for the location early Roman settlement.			
	5.1.5 8.4.5	How are the systems of power, authority, and governance used to establish order in ancient civilizations influence current systems of government?	Describe the founding of the Roman Republic.			
			Detail the rights of Roman citizens and explain the operation of the republic.			
			Trace the growth of Rome to powerful civilization.			
			Explain how Julius Caesar and the Senate struggled for power over Rome.			
	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did the people of the Italian Peninsula use innovation and technology to meet personal and community needs?	Trace the leadership of Augustus and the expansion of the empire.			
			Analyze Roman advances in engineering and architecture.			
			Describe entertainment performed at the Coliseum, Circus Maximus, and other areas.			
				Identify aspects of Roman culture that have influenced our lives today.		

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			Discuss the role of the apostles and disciples of Jesus.		
			Describe how Christianity spread throughout the empire.		
			Discuss the early persecution of Christians.		
			Analyze the legalization of Christianity under the rule of Constantine.		
	8.4.5	Why did empires rise and fall?	Trace the internal weakening of Roman Empire.		
			Discuss the effects of invaders coming into the empire.		
			Analyze the division of the empire by Diocletian.		
			Explain how the Byzantine Empire continued to flourish after the fall of Rome.		

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			Analyze the Five Pillars of Islam and describe the basic beliefs and practices of followers.		
			Discuss how Islam spread throughout North Africa and the Middle East.		
	7.3.5 8.4.5	How did government systems transition toward self-rule during the Middle Ages-and Renaissance?	Trace the emergence of feudalism following the fall of the Roman Empire.		
			Describe characteristics of everyday life during the Middle Ages.		
			Analyze the duty of a serf, vassal, lord and king under feudalism.		
	8.4.5	Why was religion important during the Middle Ages and Renaissance?	Discuss the role of Christianity during the Middle Ages.		
			Analyze the intent of the Crusades and their effect on Europe.		
			Analyze the outcome of the Crusades in terms of their impact for both Europeans and Asians.		

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Historical interpretation involves an analysis of cause and result.	8.4.5	Why is the Renaissance described as a rebirth of cultural and intellectual pursuits?	Trace the historical events leading to the Renaissance.		
			Identify important painters and writers of the period and tell of their accomplishments.		
			Analyze the impact of the Renaissance on European life and culture.		
	8.4.5	What impact did the reformation have on Europe and Christianity?	Trace issues and events leading to the Reformation.		
			Describe the role of Martin Luther and others in protesting against actions of the Catholic Church.		
			Discuss attempts taken by the Catholic Church in the Counter-Reformation.		
			Evaluate the religious, political, and cultural effects of the division within the Church.		
	8.4.5	How did technological and scientific advances promote literacy and the exchange of ideas?	Identify important scientists and scientific advances of the Enlightenment.		
			Discuss reasons Europeans sought a water route to Asia.		
	7.3.5	What were the effects of European exploration?	List major European explorers of the 15 th century and detail their accomplishments.		

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The achievements and interactions among early civilizations in the Americas impacted the development of modern nations and how they interact. Historical interpretation involves an analysis of cause and result	8.4.5	How did early civilizations adapt in the Americas?	Identify distinguishing features of the major culture groups of the Americas including the Aztec, Inca, and Maya.		
			Identify the contributions of the Aztec, Inca, and Mayan cultures.		
	8.4.5	How did empires rise and fall in the Americas?	Trace the decline of the Aztec, Inca, and Mayan cultures.		