

Mini Unit

Foundations

Description:

From the spread of early man around the globe, the Neolithic Revolution, early river valley civilizations, and the classical civilizations; foundations for the modern world begin here. Civilizations first rose around major river systems in Asia and Africa. Classical Greek philosophers and statesmen laid the groundwork for the Western World. The three dynasties of classical China rivaled the civilizations of Europe; including Rome. Regions such as Africa, the Middle East, and south Asia would establish civilizations of their own and the world became more connected through trade and conquest; this unit provides the foundation for all.

Textbook Chapters and Key Topics

- **Chapters 1-6**
- **Early River Valley Civilizations**
- **Classical Civilizations**
- **Rome**
- **Early Chinese Dynasties**
- **Monotheistic and Polytheistic Religions**

Dates to know for Period

- **10,000 to 8,000 BCE- Neolithic Revolution**
- **3,000 BCE- Unification of Egypt**
- **c. 1046-256 BCE- Zhou Dynasty (China)**
- **1000 BCE- Bantu Migration Begins**
- **510 BCE- Roman Republic is Founded**
- **431-404 BCE- Peloponnesian War**
- **221 BCE- Qin Dynasty (China)**
- **27 BCE- Roman Empire Founded**
- **476 CE- Western Roman Empire collapses**
- **610 CE- Islam is founded**

Foundations Vocabulary

Paleolithic

Neolithic

Neolithic Revolution

Nomadic

Hunter-Gather

Kinship

Pastoralism

River Valley Civilizations

Classical Civilizations

Bantu Migration

Mesopotamia

Sumer

Hammurabi's Code

Cuneiform

Egypt

Theocracy

Pharaoh

Hieroglyphics

Rosetta Stone

Indus River Valley

Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa

Huang He (Yellow Rive Valley)

Shang Dynasty

Zhou Dynasty

Qin Dynasty

Mandate of Heaven

Confucius

Confucianism

Shi Huangdi

Olmec

Phoenicia

Phonetic Alphabet

Urbanization

Athens

Sparta

Persian Empire

Persian War

Peloponnesian War

Roman Republic

Patricians and Plebeians

Latin First Triumvirate (Julius Caesar, Pompey, Crassus)

Second Triumvirate (Octavian, Marc Antony, Lepidus)

Roman Empire

Pax Romana

Constantine and the Edict of Milan in 313

Hinduism

Buddhism

Judaism

Christianity

Islam

Daoism

Key Historical Skills

- **Causations**

Notes: