

Robert L. Merritt Middle School
7th Grade Social Studies
Pacing Guide
1st Nine Weeks

Week	Competency	Unit Instructional Focus	Major Assignment/Assessment
		<i>Toward Civilization</i>	
		Chapter 1: The Beginnings of Human Society	
1	1	Chapter 1 Sections 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn what tools are used to study history • Find out about the connection between geography and history. • Discover how hunter and gatherers lived. • Learn about the beginning of farming. 	
2	1,4	Chapter 1 Section 3 & Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out about the advantages people gained from settling down in one place. • Learn about the growth of cities. • Understand how the first civilizations formed and spread. 	Chapter 1 Exam: Geography and History, Prehistory, The Beginnings of Civilizations
		Chapter 2: The Fertile Crescent	
3	1, 2, 3	Chapter 2 Sections 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out how geography made the rise of civilization in the Fertile Crescent possible. • Learn about Sumer's first cities. • Examine the characteristics of Sumerian religion. • Learn about the two most important empires of Mesopotamia. • Find out what characterized the Babylonian and Assyrian empires. • Understand how Babylonia was able to rise again after defeat. • Learn about the importance of Hammurabi's Code. • Find out how the art of writing developed in Mesopotamia. 	
4	1, 4	Chapter 2 Sections 4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how the sea power of the Phoenicians helped spread civilization throughout the Mediterranean area. • Learn about the major events in the history of the Israelites. • Learn about the basic beliefs of Judaism. • Find out about the effect that Judaism has had on other religions. 	

5	1,2,3,4	Chapter 2 Review—Unit 1 Review	Chapter 2 Exam Mesopotamia, Babylonia and Assyria The Legacy of Mesopotamia, Mediterranean Civilizations Judaism
		<i>Ancient Egypt, India, & China</i>	
		<i>Ancient Egypt and Nubia</i>	
6	1,2,3	Chapter 3 Sections 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out how the geography of the Nile changes as the river runs its course. • Learn about the types of communities that first appeared along the Nile, and how the Nile was used for trade. • Learn about the history of kingship in Egypt. • Find out about Egypt's accomplishments during each of the three kingdoms. • Understand what characterized the rule of Egypt during the New Kingdom. • Learn about Egyptian gods and goddesses. • Find out about the Egyptians' belief in the afterlife. • Discover how and why the pharaohs' tombs were built. 	
7	1, 5	Chapter 3 Sections 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out about the everyday life of the ancient Egyptians. • Learn about writing in ancient Egypt. • Discover advances made by the Egyptians in science and medicine. • 	Egyptian Museum Project Research, model and present an assigned topic that relates the ancient Egypt..
8	1	Chapter 3 Section 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the relationship between Nubia and Egypt. • Learn about the Nubian Kingdoms centered in Kerma, Napata, and Meroe. Chapter Review	Chapter 3 Exam The Geography of the Nile The Rulers of Egypt, Egyptian Religion, Ancient Egyptian Culture, Egyptian Religion, The Cultures of Nubia
9	1,2,3,4,5	<i>Review of Chapters 1-3 for Nine Weeks Exam</i>	<i>Nine Weeks Exam</i>

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		Chapter 4: Ancient Egypt India, China	
		Ancient Egypt and Nubia	
1	1, 2	Chapter 4 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about India's geographic setting. • Find out about life in and ancient city of the Indus River Valley. • Examine the rise of a new culture in the Indus and Ganges river valley. • Find out about the beginnings of Hinduism. • Learn about the teachings of Hinduism. • Examine the many paths to truth in Hinduism. 	
2	1,3	Chapter 4 Lessons 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the Buddha and his teachings. • Find out how Buddhism was received inside and outside India. • Learn about the rise of the Maurya Empire. • Understand the effects of Asoka's leadership on the Maurya Empire. 	Chapter 4 Exam Indus River Valley civilization, Hinduism, Buddhism
		Chapter 5: Ancient China	
3	1	Chapter 5 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the geography of ancient China. • Find out about early civilization in China. • Learn about the importance of family ties in early Chinese society. • Learn about the life of Confucius. • Find out about the teachings of Confucius. • Understand the influence Confucianism had on Chinese society. 	
4	1, 3, 4, 5	Chapter 5 Lessons 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the rise of the Qin dynasty. • Find out how Shi Huangdi attempted to unify the economy and culture of China. • Examine the actions of the Han dynasty leaders. • Learn about the Silk Road. • Find out about the Han dynasty's respect for tradition and learning. • Discover the important advances in technology that were made in China during the Han dynasty. 	Chapter 5 Exam China, Chinese achievements, Confucius

		Ancient Greece and Rome	
		Chapter 6: The Rise of Ancient Greece	
5	1, 3	Chapter 6 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how Greece's geographic setting influenced the development of Greek civilization. • Examine early Greek history. • Examine the development of democracy in Greece. • Identify the religious beliefs of the ancient Greeks. • Explore how the Greeks searched for knowledge. • Describe the relationship between the rise of democracy and the spread of new ideas in Greek city-states. 	River Valley Dictionary Create a dictionary that describes the four ancient river valley civilizations.
6	1	Chapter 6 Review Chapter 7 Lesson 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about public life in Athens. • Find out how Athenians spent their time when they were at home. • Understand how slavery operated in ancient Greece. 	Chapter 6 Exam The Rise of the Greek Civilization Greek Religion, Philosophy, and Art
		Chapter 7: The Glory of Ancient Greece	
7	1	Chapter 7 Lessons 2-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how people lived in ancient Sparta. • Discover some results of the Persian invasion of Greece. • Understand the conflicts that the Athenian Empire faced. • 	
8	1,3,4	Chapter 7 Lesson 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how King Philip of Macedonia came to power and how Alexander the Great built his empire. • Understand the role conquests played in the spread of Greek culture. 9 Week Review	Chapter 7 Exam Greek culture, Sparta and Athens
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Review for Nine Weeks Exam	Nine Weeks Exam

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		Ancient Greece and Rome	
		Chapter 8: Rise of Ancient Rome	
1	1, 3	Chapter 8 Lesson 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the geography and early settlement of ancient Rome. Understand how the Romans formed a republic. Identify the reasons that the Roman republic went into a decline. 	
2	1, 4, 5	Chapter 8 Lesson 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how Rome ruled an empire. Understand the Greek influence on Rome. Identify key aspects of Roman architecture and technology. Learn about key aspects of Roman law. 	Chapter 8 Exam Rome's Geography The Roman Republic Greek influence on Rome Roman Law
		Chapter 9: The Glory of Ancient Rome	
3	1	Chapter 9 Lesson 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover who could be Roman citizens. Find out how Romans of different social classes lived. Understand the importance of family life in Roman society. Learn about slavery in ancient Rome. Learn about the rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire. Discover how Christianity spread throughout the empire.. 	
4	1, 3	Chapter 9 Lesson 2-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the Roman government's reaction to the growth of Christianity Explore how bad government contributed to the decline of the empire. Understand the fall of the Roman Empire. Discuss Constantine's role in support of Christianity. Learn how northern invaders brought about the collapse of the Roman Empire. 	Chapter 9 Exam Roman Daily Life The Rise of Christianity The Spread of Christianity The Fall of Rome
		Chapter 10: Byzantine and Muslim Civilization	
5	1,4	Chapter 10 Lesson 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out how Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire became powerful. Discover the achievements of the Age of Justinian. Learn about the later years of the Byzantine Empire. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the Arabian Peninsula, its nomadic people and its centers of trade. 	
6	1	<p>Chapter 10 Lesson 2-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about the life and mission of Muhammad. Learn about Muslim beliefs. Find out how the religion of Islam spread. Learn about the golden age of Islam under the rule of the caliphs. Discover the achievements of Islamic rule. 	<p>Chapter 10 Exam</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Byzantine Empire Beginnings of Islam <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spread of Islam Golden Age of Muslim Civilization
		Chapter 11: Civilizations of Africa	
7	1, 2	<p>Chapter 11 Lesson 1-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the physical geography of Africa. Find out about the Bantu and their movement across the continent. Learn about the trading kingdoms of the West African savanna. Investigate the kingdoms of the West African rain forest. 	<p>Roman Games</p> <p>Create a board game that relates to Roman history.</p>
8	1, 2, 3	<p>Chapter 11 Lesson 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the powerful East African civilization whose cities included Aksum and Lalibela. Find out why the coastal cities of East Africa were important. 	<p>Chapter 11 Exam.</p> <p>Physical Geography of Africa, Bantu & their movement, Kingdoms of West Africa East Africa's Trade Centers</p>
9	1,2,3,4,5	Chapters 8-11 Review	Nine Weeks Exam

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		Chapter 14: Europe in the Middle Ages	
1	1, 4	Chapter 14 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn when the Middle Ages were and what they were like. • Find out how land and power were divided under feudalism • Learn how the manor system worked. • Discover what life was like for peasants and serfs. • Learn why the Roman Catholic Church was so important and powerful during the Middle Ages. • Discover the connection between an increase in trade and the growth of towns. • Find out what life was like in a medieval town. • Understand the role of culture and learning in the Middle Ages. 	
2	1, 3	Chapter 14 Lessons 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the causes of the Crusades. • Find out about the different Crusades and what they accomplished. • Discover the effects the Crusades had on life in Europe. • Learn about the forces that led to nation building in Europe. • Find out about the different Crusades and what they accomplished. • Discover the effects the Crusades had on life in Europe. • Learn about the forces that led to nation building in Europe. • Find out about nation building in England. • Discover how the Hundred Years' War affected England and France. 	Chapter 14 Feudalism, Manor System, The Church and the Rise of Cities, Crusades, . Power of the King
		Chapter 15: The Renaissance and Reformation	
3	1, 5	Chapter 15 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out why Italy was the birthplace of the Renaissance. • Understand how literature and art were transformed during the Renaissance. • Understand how the Renaissance spread from Italy to Northern Europe. • Identify key literary figures and ideas of the Northern Renaissance. • Identify key artists and artistic ideas of the Northern Renaissance. 	
4	1	Chapter 15 Lessons 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the developments that led to the Reformation. 	Chapter 15 Exam The Renaissance and the Reformation

	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Luther's criticism of the Church. • Understand the immediate effects of Luther's ideas in Europe. • Learn that Luther was the first of several religious reformers. • Identify other religious movements of the 1500's in Europe. • Understand how the Catholic Church responded to the Reformation. 	
		Chapter 13: Civilizations of Asia	
5	1, 5	Chapter 13 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the Golden Age of the Tang. • Discover the achievements of the Song dynasty. • Find out about Mongol rule of China • Learn about the geography of Japan 	Medieval Costumes Students will research an assigned social class of the Middle Ages and complete a report. Students will also design a custom...
6	1, 2	Chapter 13 Lessons 2-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover the changes that occurred during the Heian period of Japanese history. • Find out about feudalism and the rule of the shoguns in Japan. • Find out about the geography of the Indian subcontinent. • Learn about the Delhi Sultanate. • Learn about the founding and achievements of the Mughal Empire. 	Chapter 13 Exam China, Medieval Japan, Mughal Empire
		Chapter 12: Early Civilizations of the Americas	
7	1, 2	Chapter 12 Lessons 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out about the geography of the Americas. • Learn about the empire established by the Incas of South America. • Learn about the Mayan culture of Middle America. • Find out about the powerful Aztec empire. 	
8	1	Chapter 12 Lesson 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out about the Mound Builders who lived in eastern North America. • Learn about the cultures of the Southwest and Great Plains. • Find out about the Woodland peoples of North America. 	Chapter 12 Exam Inca. Cultures of Middle America Cultures of North America
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5		Nine Weeks Exam

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