



Unit One

Unit Title: Hunter-Gatherers and Early Farmers

6th Grade

Unit Length and Description:

4 weeks

Students learn how environmental changes and geography impact human settlement, early humans, and eventually the development of the first settlements.

Standards:

Standard 1: Historical Thinking Skills

6.1.1	Produce clear and coherent writing for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences by completing the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting historical research• Evaluating a broad variety of primary and secondary sources• Comparing and contrasting varied points of view• Determining the meaning of words and phrases from historical texts• Using technology to research, produce, or publish a written product
6.1.2	Construct and interpret a parallel timeline of key events in the ancient world
6.1.3	Analyze information in primary and secondary sources to address document-based questions
6.1.4	Identify and compare measurements of time in order to understand historical chronology

Standard 2: Key Events, Ideas, and People

6.2.1	Analyze the relationship between geographical features and early settlement patterns using maps and globes
6.2.2	Examine how the achievements of early humans led to the development of civilization

Standard 3: Geography Skills

6.3.1	Identify and label major lines of latitude and longitude using a world map or globe to determine climate zones and time zones
6.3.2	Plot coordinates of latitude and longitude to determine location or change of location
6.3.3	Compare and contrast physical and political boundaries of civilizations, empires, and kingdoms using maps and globes
6.3.4	Determine world migration patterns and population trends by interpreting maps, charts, and graphs

Standard 4: Culture and Environment

6.4.1	Identify and describe physical features and climate conditions that contributed to early human settlement in regions of the world
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6.4.2	Explain how world migration patterns and cultural diffusion influenced human settlement
6.4.3	Explain the connection between physical geography and its influence on the development of civilization
Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:	Essential Questions- Supporting Question:
How do environmental changes impact human life and settlement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How environmental factors that contribute to the development of civilization and to the decline of civilizations? • How do artifacts reflect environmental changes that impacted early humans? • What role did agriculture play in the development of permanent civilizations? • Was the development of agriculture ultimately positive or negative for early human civilizations?