



Unit Five

Unit Title: Civilizations in Africa and Asia - Expanding Trade

6th Grade

Unit Length and Description:

7 weeks

Students explore the role of trade in the advancement of civilization by examining the development of civilizations in Asia and Africa. Students investigate the role of trade in the advancement of societies and how trade is responsible for the exchange of more than just goods.

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

6.2.7	Summarize key features of ancient West African Kingdoms (Ghana, Mali, Songhai)
6.2.8	Identify key characteristics of Chinese dynasties political, economic and social structure

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

6.4.2	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
Standard 6: Resources and Interdependence	
6.6.1	Explain the impact of job specialization in the development of civilizations
6.6.2	Analyze the progression from barter exchange to monetary exchange
6.6.3	Describe the economic motivation for expanding trade and territorial conquests in world civilizations using economic concepts
6.6.4	Explain how the development of trade and taxation influenced economic growth in the ancient world
Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:	
Essential Questions- Supporting Question:	
Is trade necessary for advancing civilizations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What region of ancient China presents the best environment for human settlement to develop? • Which dynasty do you feel most improved life for the Ancient Chinese? • What impact did the Silk Road have on Chinese and Western societies? • What are factors that led to the rise in power of West African Kingdoms?