

7th Grade Social Studies -- First Nine Weeks

Week(s)	Topics & Objectives	Standards
1	The study of early humans (prehistoric era) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring time • Archaeology and other sources • Science and technology • “Out of Africa” theory (Ardi, Lucy) 	1a, 1b, 8a
2	Hunter-Gatherer Societies (the beginning of Homo sapiens) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture • Cultural diffusion and change • Stone Age 	1b, 8a
3	The human migration/end of the Paleolithic Era <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern human migrations • Ice Age human societies (complexities including religion, language skills, art and technology) 	1c, 1d, 8a
4	Neolithic Era (Early Agriculture) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestication of plants and animals • Link effects between agriculture and early human societies 	2b, 6a, 7a, 8a
5	The first cities and civilizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize features of early civilizations • Identify evidence that two specific cultures are civilizations (Uruk and Ur) 	2b, 2c, 6a, 7a
6	The civilization of ancient Sumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertile Crescent sustained the first known civilization 	3b, 5b, 6a, 7b
7	The first empires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kish, Akkadia, Babylonia, Assyria, and Persia 	3b, 5a, 5c, 6a, 8a
8	Assyrian and Persian Empires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Babylon’s culture • Mesopotamian contributions to art and government 	2c, 3b, 5a, 6a, 8d

9	<p>The Phoenicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phoenician alphabet • Phoenician trade and Mediterranean colonization 	2c, 3b, 6a, 7b, 8d
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10	<p>Ancient Egypt and Nubia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt under the Pharaohs • Geographical outlay of Egypt • Kingdoms of Egypt 	2a, 2c, 3a, 5b, 6a
11	<p>Ancient Egypt and Nubia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Architecture • Math and Science • Other accomplishments of ancient Egypt 	2c, 3a, 6a, 7, 8a
12	<p>Judaism, Christianity, and Islam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins, beliefs, similarities, and differences 	8b, 8d
13	<p>Civilizations of Early India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harappa • Mohenjo-Daro • Indus Valley 	2c, 3b, 4a, 5, 8d
14	<p>Hinduism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India's Vedic Age • Hindu beliefs 	2c, 3a, 4a, 4d, 5b, 6a, 8b, 8d
15	<p>Buddhism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Siddhartha Guatama? • Teachings of the Buddha • Compare/contrast Buddhism and Hinduism 	2c, 4a, 4d, 8b, 8d
16	<p>The Empires of Ancient India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maurya • Gupta) 	2a, 2c, 4a, 4d, 5b,

17	Ancient China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huang River settlements• Shang Dynasty• Zhou Dynasty	2a, 4a, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 7b
18	Teachings of Confucianism and Daoism <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpret the meaning of quotes from Confucius and Laozi• Compare viewpoints of the two thinkers	4a, 4c, 5b, 8b