

Social Studies Highlights

Ancient World - Grade 6

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- Gift of the Nile
- From Silk Road to Great Wall
- Greece: Foundation of Western Civilization
- Great Empires

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Think, act, and behave just as historians do by developing explanations for their observations, hypotheses, and thoughts through investigating, reading, writing, and sharing
- Analyze the importance of the Nile River on the development of the Egyptian civilization
- Trace how China evolved from a vast array of diverse regions into a unified empire
- Explore the elements that contributed to the Greeks forming a cultural identity
- Identify and explain the forces that influenced the development of the Roman Empire and the Gupta Empire
- Identify important achievements and contributions from the ancient world

What families will see . . .

- Engaging digital and printable resources such as interactive simulations, text, reading passages, and video
- Emphasis on collaboration and cooperation as a community of learners
- Children using the Discovery Education Techbook, which is an online resource available anywhere, anytime and on almost any device with an internet connection

How families can help . . .

- Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- Explore your child's writing assignments
- Discuss current issues with your child
- Log-in with your child to the Discovery Education Techbook at www.discoveryeducation.com
- Keep open communication with your child's teachers
- Visit the Techbook Student Guide and Troubleshooting tips if needed at <http://goo.gl/i0ioHK>