Liberty Common High School
Western Civilization Curriculum Map

August/ September	The Paleolithic era; the Agricultural Revolution; Mesopotamian culture; Egyptian culture; contributions of Egyptian and Mesopotamian cultures to subsequent cultures; the development of Jewish culture and religion, and its influence on later civilizations	Virginia Schomp, *Ancient Mesopotamia*; Donald P. Ryan, *Ancient Egypt on 5 Deben a Day*; Selections from the Hebrew Bible
October	Geographic characteristics of Greece; Minoan culture; Mycenean culture; the Greek Dark Age; the emergence of the polis—Athens and Sparta; the emergence of Greek science and philosophy; the development of Athenian democracy	Thomas R. Martin, *Ancient Greece*; Selections from Plutarch
November	The Persian Wars; sociocultural development in Athens during the Greek Golden Age; the development of Greek drama; the growth of Athenian political and economic influence after the Persian Wars	Thomas R. Martin, *Ancient Greece*; Selections from Herodotus
December	The Peloponnesian War—causes and course; the consequences of the Peloponnesian War; the contributions of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle to Western intellectual thinking	Thomas R. Martin, *Ancient Greece*; Selections from Thucydides
January	The emergence of Alexander the Great; the military conquests of Alexander the Great; the political division of the Hellenistic world after Alexander the Great; Hellenistic contributions to Western science and intellectual traditions	Thomas R. Martin, *Ancient Greece*
February	The geography of Italy; the contributions of the Etruscans and the Latins to Roman development; the origins and operation of the Roman Republic; the Punic wars	Simon Baker, *Ancient Rome*; Selections from Livy
March	Attempts at social reform; the Gracchi; the reconfiguration of the Roman army; the factors that led to the end of the Roman Republic	Simon Baker, *Ancient Rome*; Selections from Polybius
April	The reign of Augustus; the Julio-Claudian and Flavian dynasties; the Pax Romana	Simon Baker, *Ancient Rome*; Selections from Suetonius and Pliny the Younger
May	The Five Good Emperors; the emergence and spread of Christianity in Rome; the political disintegration of the western portion of the Roman empire; the legacy of Roman civilization	Simon Baker, *Ancient Rome*