

Social Studies Power Standards: Sixth Grade

Tumwater School District

Maps and Geographic tools

- Analyzes and constructs maps using scale, direction, symbols, legends & projections.
- Identifies location of places and regions in the world and understands their physical and cultural characteristics.

River Civilizations

- Explain how physical geography/topography affects development of civilizations in the river valleys (hunting/gathering, farming, herding).
- Explore how the specialization of labor led to trade and how it influenced the economic structure.
- Analyze how and why codes and laws developed
- Describe how religion influenced society and shaped government
- Analyze how beliefs were reflected in the culture's art
- Summarize the contributions of the river valley civilizations to science, art, literature, etc.

Ancient Greece

- Examine the role of physical geography on the development of Greek civilizations
- Illustrate the contributions of Greece in government, philosophy, the arts, literature, and science
- Analyze the expansion of Greek language and culture on neighboring peoples

Ancient Rome

- Examine the role of physical geography on the development of Roman civilization
- Discuss the contributions of Rome to ideas about government
- Describe the factors that enabled Rome to expand and how that expansion affected trade
- Summarize the factors that led to the fall of the Roman Empire
- Describe the rise of Christianity during the Roman Empire and its effect on government and philosophy

Report Card Strands:

- Understands maps and can use them effectively.
- Understands how geography impacts a culture.
- Understands how the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome have impacted the science, art, literature, and government of the United States.
- Understands and compares the factors that led to the rise and fall of ancient cultures.