



# Proficiency Scale

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**GRADE LEVEL: 8      COURSE NAME: SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**MEASUREMENT TOPIC: DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EARLY CIVILIZATIONS OF AFRICA, AMERICAS, AND ASIA**

**4**

In addition to Score 3, the student makes in-depth inferences and applications.

**3**

- Compare the African civilizations of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai
- Describe China's influence on culture, politics, and economics in Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia
- Describe key aspects of preColumbian cultures in the Americas

**2**

- Identify characteristics of the African civilizations of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai
- Identify the achievements of the early Chinese dynasties
- Identify landforms and climate regions of China
- Identify aspects of pre-Columbian cultures in the Americas

**1**

With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.

**Key Vocabulary:**

preColumbian, monsoon, Confucius, caliphate