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Introduction to Ancient Civilizations: The 6th grade Ancient Civilizations course begins with the study of early humans and prehistory, focusing on the stages of human development and migration theories. We then analyze the emergence of early civilizations and the development of political, economic, social, and religious systems. Students will investigate why early civilizations developed when and where they did, and the reasons for their ultimate decline. They will study the interactions between various cultures through processes such as trade and conquest; examining civilizations' lasting contributions to their own societies, and making connections between the ancient and modern world. Special attention will be given to how a society's beliefs are reflected in its material culture and through its arts and written language. The class will explore these themes through unit-length studies of the early river civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China before moving to ancient Greece and Rome.

Throughout the year, students will develop their research skills, and use critical thinking to evaluate material and articulate oral and written arguments based on historically accurate information. They will use and interpret primary and secondary sources to investigate and explain historical events. Questions that will be considered include: why we study history; what can be learned from the past; how humans and cultures have become interconnected through various economic, religious, and cultural processes; and how humans have adapted and survived in a rapidly changing world.