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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. We 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. 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.