

Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome Explored through Ancient Civilizations-Historical Fiction

Overview: Through historical fiction set in ancient time, this year explores the central theme of what it takes to triumph over personal obstacles. Some of the challenges are unique to ancient times, but the characteristics demanded of the individuals are timeless. The characters make tough choices and use their judgment and resourcefulness to overcome hurdles and reach solutions. They must chose honesty, loyalty, and sacrifice their own gain.

To triumph over personal obstacles, the generalizations students will draw from the readings are:

- Have a strong belief or conviction to do the right thing regardless of other's opinions.
- Take courage from supporting adults or good friends who offer good advice and encouragement.
- Keep focused on the goal or solution to stay on track and persevere.

Thematic Literature for 6th Grade

*Literature Units are available, yet optional

Summer of the Monkeys

**My Side of the Mountain*

**Tuck Everlasting*

**Hatchet*

Egypt

**The Golden Goblet*

**Mara Daughter of the Nile*

**Pyramid*

Tales of Ancient Egypt

Ancient Egypt (Eyewitness Book)

Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt

India

**Tusk and Stone*

China

- *Between the Dragon and the Eagle*
- Confucius the Golden Rule*
- Ancient China (Eyewitness Book)*

Israelites

- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Greece

- Dateline Troy*
- *Black Ships before Troy: The Story of the Iliad*
- Wishbone Classics: The Odyssey*
- The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy*
- *D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths*
- *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*
- Ancient Greece (Eyewitness Book)*
- *Archimedes and the Door of Science*

Rome

- *The Bronze Bow*
- City A Story of Planning and Construction*
- Ancient Rome (Eyewitness Book)*
- *Eagle of the Ninth*
- *Hittite Warrior*

Suggested Projects

- Concurrent timeline with major ancient civilizations
- Country Report
- Science Fair Project
- Oral Language Festival
- Webquests
- Simulate an archaeological dig

6th Grade Social Studies United Streaming Video List

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Geography Basics: *Globes, Maps, and Graphs*

Living History: *Living in Ancient Egypt*

Elementary Video Adventures: *Great Egyptians*

Religions of the World: *Hinduism*

China From Past to Present: *Life in the Ancient Capital Cities*

China From Past to Present: *Traditional Religions and Beliefs*

Religions of the World: *Judaism*

Elementary Video Adventures: *Ancient Greece*

Living History: *Living in Ancient Greece*

Myths and Legends of Ancient Greece

Living History: *Living in the Roman Empire*

Myths and Legends of Ancient Rome

6th Grade Science United Streaming Video List

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Natural Phenomena: *Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and other Earth Movements*

Enviro-Tacklebox: *Module 4: Forces in the Environment: Erosion on the Move*

Enviro-Tacklebox: *Forces in the Environment: Glaciers: Movers and Shapers*

What's Inside the Earth: *An Introduction to the Earth's Interior, Crust, and Mineral Resources*

Cycle Series, The Water Cycle

Biology the Science of Life: *Ecology: Organisms in their Environment*

Basics of Geology: *All about Rocks and Minerals*

TLC Elementary School: *People and the Environment*

Field Trips

Getty Museum

Kern County Museum - Bakersfield

CALM - Bakersfield

Bakersfield Symphony

Hearst Castle - San Simeon

Tall Ship

Santa Barbara or Fresno Zoo

IMAX Science Center

Train Trip to Sacramento

Poppy Reserve

Bakersfield Museum of Art

Tehachapi Museum

Bakersfield College Planetarium

Additional Resources

Available on site for check-out

Science Kits

Bill Nye-Refer to list in Parent Handbook

Delta Science-Refer to list in Parent Handbook

National Geographic Films

Ben Hur

The Robe

The Ten Commandments

Spartacus

Cleopatra

Gladiator

Disney Films

The Prince of Egypt

Cable Channels

KETN: Warner 15 / Cox 20 / American 13 / Pop Vision 53

Cable in the Classroom: See the monthly magazine, which posts the schedule. Often these programs come with on-line lessons to teach at home.

Sample Journal Topics

What will you look like ten years from now?
Make up a story about a pet that is out of control.
Describe the landscape in ancient times.
You smell fresh paint. Write a story about it.
Describe as many ways as you can to convince kids not to try drugs.
Tell a story of two friends who have an argument.
Tell about one famous person that you would like to invite to your home for a week.
Tell about one chore you dislike and why.
Tell how you think cars will look one hundred years from now.
In your back yard, you uncover an old bone. Tell about the animal from which it came.
Reveal a scary dream you have had.
Describe the taste of your favorite flavor of ice cream.
Relate a story that begins when you smell smoke coming from the kitchen.
Imagine you have invented a new toy. Describe it.
Tell about a musical instrument that you'd like to play.
Give as many reasons as you can why you should keep your room tidy.
Invent a new food. How is it prepared?
On a space flight, you caught and tamed a new kind of pet. Tell about it.
Describe a special place where you would like to go to talk with your best friend.
You feel a hot, sharp pain in your thumb. Write a story about it.
Write about a person you respect for his or her bravery.
Write about a book that you enjoy reading over and over.
Tell which day of the week you enjoy most and why.
Describe a way to share jobs at home or at school.
What do you think our country's biggest problem will be 50 years from now?
Imagine a magic basket that never becomes empty. Tell what is in it, how it is used, and who owns it.
If you had a friend who was bored, what would you tell him or her to do?
Imagine you were witness to a historical event. What would it be? Report on it.
Tell how you would change your bedroom, if you could decorate it any way.
Write about one problem you think should be discussed in the news more often and why you think it is important.
What do you do when you see someone do something wrong?
Describe all the ways you can remember to save energy.
Tell about a perfect summer weekend.
Plan a terrific picnic for you and your friends.
Describe the last time you were sick.
What do you think when you hear windshield wipers flapping?
Tell about things you enjoy watching babies do.
Describe some things you can do to stop wasting food.
What is the best vacation you ever had?
What would it be like to take a bus trip across the whole country?
Tell how you would make a super ice cream sundae and what you would name it.
In the dark, you see a light beneath the door ahead. What happens next?
Tell your secrets for remembering things like telephone numbers or chores.
What are the best things about home schooling?
What have you done to be sure your home is safe from fire?
Relate all the reasons you remember why you should get plenty of sleep.
Imagine you are the Governor of your state. Report on your job.
Tell about a time when you had trouble getting along with another person.
Write about your least favorite food.
The rainbow's end has a pot of gold, and you found it!
What are the best things about computers?
If you could travel to any other country, where would it be and why?