Mississippi Social Studies

Western Civilization

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1. **Examine the ancient river valley civilizations, including those of ancient Israel, Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Saraswati River Valley, and China.** WC.1
    1. Trace the development of social, political, citizenship, and economic patterns of early Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, and Indus Saraswati River Valley in their emergence of power. WC.1.1
    2. Explain the development of language, writing, technology, and arts of early civilizations (e.g., Neolithic pottery, Epic of Gilgamesh, Book of Songs, the Torah, etc.). WC.1.2
    3. Explain the role of religious traditions, origin of beliefs and customs of early civilizations such as cave art and the Zuni emergence tale. WC.1.3

2. **Examine the location of Greece, its political structure, arts, and religious traditions that influenced Greek society.** WC.2
    1. Locate and recognize the importance of climate and geography on the emergence of civilization in Greece. WC.2.1
    2. Trace the development and legacy of social, political, citizen responsibility, and economic patterns of Greece while examining the rise of city-states. WC.2.2
    3. Explain the development of language, writing, technology, and arts of Greece (e.g., the work of Homer, philosophers, Greek poetry, Athenian pottery, Hellenistic culture, Greek architectural traditions, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, etc.). WC.2.3
    4. Explain the role of religious traditions of the Greek gods, origin of mythology, and customs of Greece through the Golden Age. WC.2.4

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3. **Analyze ancient Rome by assessing the influence of geography, mythology, and development of the Roman Republic.** WC.3
    1. Locate and recognize the importance of climate and geography on the emergence of civilization in Rome. WC.3.1
    2. Trace the development and legacy of social, political, and citizen responsibility of Roman citizens while analyzing Roman Republic, Roman imperialism, Cicero, and the politics of rhetoric. WC.3.2
    3. Explain the development of language, writing, and arts of Greece through Virgil, Horace and Ovid while observing various Roman architecture and sculptures during that time period. WC.3.3
    4. Explain the role of religious traditions of the Roman gods, origin of mythology, and spread of Roman Culture. WC.3.4
4. **Analyze the social, economic, military conquest and cultural achievements during the medieval time period.** WC.4
    1. Locate and describe the evolution of nation-states England, France, Spain, and Russia. WC.4.1
    2. Discuss the political and social impact of the Crusades, the Mongol conquests, and the fall of Constantinople. WC.4.2
    3. Identify the role of Greek, Roman, Jewish, and Arabic philosophy, medicine, and science during the medieval time period. WC.4.3
    4. Trace the emergence of pagan and Christian traditions through the rise of the Catholic church and the medieval monastery. WC.4.4
5. **Analyze the social, economic, and political changes and cultural achievements during the Renaissance in Europe.** WC.5
    1. Evaluate the economic infrastructure of the Italian Renaissance. WC.5.1
    2. Trace the events related to the rise and political development city-states while examining the Humanistic movement impact on society. WC.5.2
    3. Contrast the arts, literary, architecture, and philosophical ideologies with the medieval time period (e.g., Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Petrich, etc.). WC.5.3
    4. Identify the Roman Catholic role on society and summarize religious reforms associated with Martin Luther, John Calvin, Henry VII, and their impact on the Reformation. WC.5.4
6. **Understand the impact of the Age of Discovery and exploration into Africa, Asia, and the Americas.** WC.6
    1. Locate the triangle trade, migration patterns, and cultural diffusion in colonized areas. WC.6.1
    2. Identify the development of social, political, and economic motivation of explorers and conquistadors while analyzing their impact on indigenous peoples. WC.6.2

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3. Describe the impact that religion had on the Age of Exploration and the effect that it had on colonized areas. WC.6.3

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7. **Examine the impact of global trade on various civilizations of the world.** WC.7
    1. Locate and explain the development of the Ottoman Empire. WC.7.1
    2. Identify the development of social, political, and economic impact on Africa, India, and growth of European nations. WC.7.2