

# The Ancient World

Early Civilizations, The Mesopotamian World, Egypt, Greece and Rome

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<b>Grades:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Day of Week:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Time of Class:</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:30 pm ET</b>
<b>Length of Class:</b>	<b>30 weeks *</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Fall, Winter, and Spring – Full Year Course (or you can register for them individually)</b>

**Fall = Early Civilizations, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt**

**Winter = Ancient Greece**

**Spring = Ancient Rome**

<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>Full Year</b>	<b>30 weeks</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
	<b>One Session</b>	<b>10 weeks</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

## Class Dates:

### Fall 2023

Week 1: Week of September 11

Week 2: Week of September 18

***No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays***

Week 3: Week of October 9

Week 4: Week of October 16

Week 5: Week of October 23

Week 6: Week of October 30

Week 7: Week of November 6

Week 8: Week of November 13

***No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays***

Week 9: Week of November 27

Week 10: Week of December 4

***Make-Up Days: Week of December 11***

***Time off for Christmas and New Year's! Enjoy the holidays!***

## **Winter 2024**

Week 1: Week of January 8

Week 2: Week of January 15

Week 3: Week of January 22

Week 4: Week of January 29

Week 5: Week of February 5

Week 6: Week of February 12

Week 7: Week of February 19

Week 8: Week of February 26

Week 9: Week of March 4

Week 10: Week of March 11

**Make-Up Days: Week of March 18**

## **Spring 2024**

***Please note that there are two breaks during this year's Spring term, for the observances of Eid and Passover.***

Week 1: Week of March 25

Week 2: Week of April 1

***Week of April 8: No Classes due to Eid (Muslim) Holiday – Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families!***

Week 3: Week of April 15

***Weeks of April 22 and April 29: No Classes – Spring Break – Happy Passover to our Jewish families!***

Week 4: Week of May 6

Week 5: Week of May 13

Week 6: Week of May 20

Week 7: Week of May 27

Week 8: Week of June 3

Week 9: Week of June 10

Week 10: Week of June 17

**Make-Up Days: Week of June 24**

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### **Description of Class:**

This course, in its entirety, will follow the dramatic history of the world's early civilizations from the first farmers of the Middle East to the rise of the mighty empires in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome. We will explore the timeline, history and people of the time allowing students to create a vivid picture of life in the ancient world.

Parents have the option of taking one semester or two semesters or enroll in the entire year.

- Fall - Ancient World: Egypt
- Winter – Ancient World: Greece
- Spring – Ancient World: Rome
- Full Year of Ancient World – Early Civilizations, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome

### **Class Approach:**

This class is a combination of lecture, video clips as well as discussion.

### **Textbook:**

*The Usborne Internet Linked Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*

<https://www.amazon.com/Usborne-Encyclopedia-Ancient-World-Encyclopedias/dp/0794511414>

Additional readings and video clips to be provided by instructor.

### **Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:**

- Notebook
- Microphone
- Camera (Smart Phone Camera is absolutely fine)

### **Requirements:**

Students will be expected to interact in class. Students will be required to complete assignments in a timely manner. Students need to respect each other.

### **Weekly Homework:**

Every week there will be a combination of reading, viewing of video clips as well as writing. You can expect about 1-2 hours of homework weekly.

### **Homework Policy:**

Homework will be due prior to class for students to receive full credit unless arrangements have been made in advance. Students will receive partial credit for homework submitted within two class periods of due date. No credit will be given for homework turned in after two weeks. Additionally, any outstanding homework needs to be turned in prior to any unit test, even if that is sooner than the two weeks.

### **Grading Scale:**

90-100 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-70 =	C
69-60 =	D
59 and below:	F (No Effort)

### **Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:**

#### **Fall – Early Civilizations, The Mesopotamian World, Ancient Egypt**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Introduction, Early Civilizations
<b>Week 2</b>	The Mesopotamian World
<b>Week 3</b>	The Rise of Babylon, The Neo-Babylonian Empire
<b>Week 4</b>	Ancient Egypt, Egyptology Today, Map of Ancient Egypt
<b>Week 5</b>	Early Egypt, The Old Kingdom, The Times of Tutankhamun, Ramesses II
<b>Week 6</b>	The Role of King, Government and Power, Trade and Diplomacy,
<b>Week 7</b>	Temple Life, Religion in Daily Life, Death and the Afterlife
<b>Week 8</b>	The Pyramids of Giza, Mortuary Temples, A Royal Barque
<b>Week 9</b>	Everyday Life: Home, Family Life, Farming, Education, Travel, Medicine and Beauty Care
<b>Week 10</b>	Egypt Wrap Up Projects and Presentations

#### **Winter – Ancient Greece**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Introduction, What was considered Ancient Greece?, The First Greeks
<b>Week 2</b>	The Minoans, The Mycenaeans

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	Troy and the Trojan War, The Dark Ages
<b>Week 4</b>	Archaic Greece, Greek City-States, Sparta, Hoplites
<b>Week 5</b>	The Persian Wars, The Birth of Literacy
<b>Week 6</b>	The Golden Age of Athens, The Acropolis
<b>Week 7</b>	Life in Sparta, The Peloponnesian Wars
<b>Week 8</b>	Everyday Life: Growing Up, Women/Home, Clothing, Architecture, Pottery, Feasting and Fun, Religion, Mythology
<b>Week 9</b>	Macedonia and the Hellenistic World
<b>Week 10</b>	Greece Wrap Up Projects and Presentations

### **Spring – Ancient Rome**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Introduction, The Town of Pompeii, Early Rome
<b>Week 2</b>	The Roman Republic, Conquest of Italy, The Republic in Crisis
<b>Week 3</b>	The Life of Caesar
<b>Week 4</b>	The Birth of the Empire, Emperors of Rome
<b>Week 5</b>	The Roman Army, A Soldiers Life
<b>Week 6</b>	Expanding the Empire, Running the Empire
<b>Week 7</b>	Travel and Trade, Crime and Punishment
<b>Week 8</b>	Everyday Life: Family Life, Roman Women, Slaves and Freedom, Fashion, At the Baths, At the Games, At the Races, Builders and Engineers
<b>Week 9</b>	The End of an Empire, The Rise of Christianity, Barbarians and Byzantines, The Legacy of Rome, Lasting Latin
<b>Week 10</b>	Rome Wrap Up Projects and Presentations