



Portland Public Schools
Middle Level
Syllabus Template

School Year 2011 - 2012

Teacher: Michael Bixel		School: Mt. Tabor Middle School	
Subject: Social Studies	Course Title: Ancient Civilizations	Grade Level: 6 th	
Course description: Study ancient civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Greece, and Rome.			
Course Outline: 1st Quarter –Geography 2nd Quarter –Rise of Civilizations Mesopotamia 3rd Quarter –Egypt/India Note-Taking/Retrieval Charts 4th Quarter –China/Greece/Rome Outdoor School Prep			

Academic Vocabulary:

Chronologically , cultural, compare/contrast, artifacts, topography , Neolithic, Paleolithic

District adopted materials:

History Alive

Supplemental resources:

maps, computers, student workbook

Differentiation/ accessibility strategies and support (TAG, ELL, SpEd):

Encourage students to use multiple modes of expression; flexible seating; use cooperative learning; use visual aids; repeat important ideas; monitor progress frequently; provide step by step guidance, provide and encourage extension activities;

Final proficiencies:

Describe the major characteristics, developments, contributions, and historical influence of the following early civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Greece, and Rome. Locate and identify the locations of major physical and cultural regions as well as major bodies of water, rivers, and mountain ranges.

Describe technological advancements, such as agriculture, medicine, and warfar and how these were influenced by geography and cluture.

Behavioral expectations: Respect people, equipment and furnishings.

ATTENDANCE: Come to class ready to learn.

TARDINESS: Be on time with all materials; in your seat when the bell rings.

RULES: Observe all rules in student handbook.

CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense, name on board; second offense, lunch detention;
3rd offense phone call home

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