	6th Grade	
Content: (EQs, EUs, and content)	Skills:	Concepts:
 I. Geography: What is our world? How is it shaped? landforms, waterways, continents, directions, climate, terrain and vegetation II. Early Human Societies: hunter gatherers-farming-city states-civilization III. Mesopotamia: What makes a civilization? Where and why did civilizations develop? IV. Egypt: How do people organize to sustain trade? What does Social Structure do for a civilization? Why do Social Structures exist? VI. India: Buddhism and Hinduism, we create stories, ideas and explanations to satisfy the questions we come up with, How does religion push possibility? V. China: Possibility= expansion= conflict, growth of technology, bureaucracy VI. Greece: TBA VII. Final Unit: High: Create your own civilization, Mid: Rome, Low: Revisit an old unit with a new angle 	 Geography (continents, map reading skills, vocabulary) Writing: Taking notes (outline, boxes and bullets), essay responses: research, analytical, persuasive, creative (monologues, artifacts, journals), sequence (timelining) Reading: PARC "Pre- view/Predict, Ask: What is this teaching me?, Read, Correct," text supports (glossary, index, headings, etc.), vocabulary, chunking, paraphrasing Critical Thinking: point of view, connections, cause and effect of development, compare and contrast civilizations 	 Stable Food supply/surplus Government Social Structure Religion Technology Trade/Stability Steps to a civilization

	7 th Grade	
Content	Skills	Concepts:
I. Native America: tribes of	- Geography: Maps – Europe	- Historiography
North and South America,	(countries) and the United States	- Culture Clash
effects of environment on	(states and capitals)	- Cultural Superiority
culture		- Ignorance breeds
II. Medieval Europe: causes	- Reading: chunking,	hostility and
leading to exploration and	paraphrasing, highlighting, main	insolation
need to relocate to New	idea and supporting details	- Effects of literacy on
World		world history

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III. European Exploration:	- Writing: analytic writing,	- Hypocracy in the
the "discoveries" of new lands	journaling, Cornell style notes	New World
IV. Colonization: Spanish		- Rights and
and English, Rediscovering	- Analyzing Evidence: primary	Responsibilities of
Columbus	sources (images and text),	Citizens and
V. American Revolution	choosing strong evidence to	Government
VI. Constitution Works	support ideas	- Freedom v. Security
VII. Westward Exploration		- Manifest Destiny
VIII. Slavery and the Civil	- Critical Thinking: making	- Liberty For All?
War	observations and inferences,	
	infer time period based on	
	identifying details (technology,	
	language, ideas, clothing	
	recognizing cause and effect,	
	finding significance in the	
	sequence of historical events,	
	understanding the validity of	
	multiple points of view,	
	determining the points of view	
	that drive historical accounts	

	8 th Grade	
Content:	Skills:	Concepts:
I. Immigration	- Reading: Reintroduced and	- Push/Pull factors
II. Industrialization	reinforced, vocabulary work on	- Systems/agencies of
III. Big Business/	"ISMs" – how to understand abstract	change (top
Progressive Era: Monopolies	concepts and ideas, independent	down/bottom up)
and Movements, free market	research – reading non-fiction	- Freedom v. Equality
economy	independently; non-fiction based book	- "ISMs"
IV. The Great Depression:	clubs	- Propoganda
Dust Bowl, Economic Crash		- Foreign Policy:
V. American Foreign Policy:	- Writing: research papers, persuasive,	political,
Imperialism, World I, World	analytic	humanitarian,
War II (Holocaust,		economic, security,
Hiroshima)	- Critical Thinking: Recognizing	religious
VIII. Civil Rights	patterns, extrapolating and	- Perpetrator,
IX. Cold War	generalizing into order to draw	bystander, ally
	conclusions, analyzing and evaluating	- Power in America
	sources/evidence, developing	
	discussion questions for history based	
	texts	