Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 7 Ancient India

Essential Understandings	Indian civilization began in the Indus River Valley, moved into the Ganges River Valley, then through the Indian subcontinent.
Essential Questions	 How did the physical geography affect the growth of Ancient India? How did the beliefs and values of Ancient India affect the lives of its members?
Essential Knowledge	 Physical geography affected the growth of Ancient India. Ancient India left legacies from the past (i.e., caste system, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.) Ancient India experienced a variety of leadership types.
Vocabulary	 People: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Siddhartha Gautama, Chandragupta, Asoka Places: Himalaya Mountains, Indus River Valley, Mohenjo-Daro, Ganges River Valley Terms: subcontinent, monsoon, migrate, caste, reincarnation, dharma, meditate, nirvana, missionary
Essential Skills	 Identify the major geographic features of India and how those features affected Indian history. Describe the development of Hinduism. Identify Buddha and describe his life and teachings. Identify emperors Chandra Gupta and Ashoka and explain their roles in Indian history.

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	Civics and Government
	B. Purpose and Types of Government
	Compare leadership and civil rights in our democracy to their
	status under an authoritarian type government.
	<u>History</u>
	A. Chronology
Related	Describe the effects of historical changes on daily life.
Maine Learning	3. Trace simultaneous events in various parts of the world during a
Results	specific era.
	B. Historical Knowledge, Concepts and Patterns
	3. Demonstrate an understanding of selected turning points in
	ancient and medieval world history and the continuing influence
	of major civilizations of the past.
	Geography
	A. Skills and Tools
	Visualize the globe and construct maps of the world and its sub-
	regions to identify patterns of human settlement, major physical
0	features, and political divisions.
Sample	Read and analyze excerpts from the <u>Ramayana</u> and the <u>Gita</u> .
Lessons	 Analyze artifacts from Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa.
And	 Draw political cartoons about Ancient India showing you
Activities	understand various points of view.
Sample	 Debate the merits of Chandragupta and Asoka as leadership types.
Classroom	Complete a unit test.
Assessment	"How were my Karma and Dharma today?"
Methods	
	Publications:
Sample	 The Ancient World
Resources	o A Historical Atlas of India - Aisha Kahn
	■ Videos:
	o Monsoon
Technology	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum
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