### **Social Studies**

Essential Understandings	<ul> <li>The development of early civilizations, their interaction with their surroundings and one another are the basis for the religious, political, and social institutions of today.</li> </ul>
Essential Questions	<ul> <li>What are the characteristics of a civilization?</li> <li>What contributes to the rise and fall of civilizations?</li> <li>What ideas has our current society taken ideas from earlier ones?</li> <li>What effect does interaction and innovation have on civilizations?</li> </ul>
Essential Knowledge	<ul> <li>The religious, political, and social institutions of early civilizations include:         <ul> <li>Egypt and its development of a monarchy and importance of the afterlife.</li> <li>Greece and its development of democracy.</li> <li>Rome and its development of thinking and innovation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul> <li><u>Terms</u>:         <ul> <li>prehistory, culture, technology, civilization, cultural diffusion, monarchy, empire, monotheism, polytheism, city-state, Christianity, Islam, polis, oligarchy, democracy, constitution, republic, tradition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Essential Skills	<ul> <li>Define important vocabulary.</li> <li>Identify various religious, political and social characteristics of a civilization.</li> <li>Make hypotheses about future civilizations.</li> </ul>
Related Maine Learning Results	<ul> <li><u>Social Studies</u></li> <li>A. Applications of Social Studies Processes, Knowledge, and Skills</li> <li>A1.Researching and Developing Positions on Current Social Studies Issues</li> <li>Students research, develop, present, and defend positions on current social studies issues by developing and modifying research questions, and locating, selecting, evaluating, and synthesizing information from multiple and varied sources.</li> <li>b. Select and apply research methods that are appropriate for the purpose of the inquiry.</li> <li>c. Make judgments about conflicting findings from different sources, incorporating those from sources that are valid and refuting others.</li> <li>f. Create and present a coherent set of findings that integrate paraphrasing, quotations, and citations.</li> <li>g. Develop a clear well-supported position.</li> </ul>

	B. Civics and Government
	B1.Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns of
	Civics/Government
	Students understand the ideals, purposes, principles,
	structures, and processes of constitutional government in the
	United States and in the American political system, as well as
	examples of other forms of government and political systems in
	the world.
	a. Explain that the study of government includes structures,
	functions, institutions, and forms of government to citizens in
	the United States and in other regions of the world.
	B3.Individual, Cultural, International, and Global Connections in
	Civics and Government
	Students understand political and civic aspects of unity and
	diversity in Maine, the United States, and the world, including
	Maine Native Americans.
	b. Analyze the political structures, political power, and political
	perspectives of diverse cultures, including those of Maine
	and other Native Americans, various historical and recent
	immigrant groups in Maine and the United States, and those
Related	of various world cultures.
Maine Learning	C. Economics
Results	C1.Economic Knowledge, Concept, Themes, and Patterns
	Students understand the principles and processes of personal
	economics, the role of markets, the economic system of the
	United States, and other economic systems in the world, and
	how economics serves to inform decisions in the present and
	future.
	a. Explain that the study of economics includes the analysis
	and description of production, distribution, and consumption
	of goods and services by business and is the basis of
	individual personal finance management including saving
	and investing.
	D. Geography
	D1.Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns
	Students understand the geography of the United States and
	various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future.
	d. Evaluate the impact of change, including technological
	change, on the physical and cultural environment.

	D2.Individual, Cultural, International, and Global Connections in
	Geography
	Students understand geographic aspects of unity and diversity
	in Maine, the United States, and the world, including Maine
	native American communities.
	<ul> <li>Analyze geographic features that have impacted unity and</li> </ul>
	diversity in the United States and other nations and describe
	their effects.
	E. History
	E1.Historical Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and patterns
	Students understand major eras, major enduring themes, and
	historic influences in United States and world history, including
	the roots of democratic philosophy, ideals, and institutions in the
	world.
	a. Explain that history includes the study of the past based on
	the examination of a variety of primary and secondary
	sources and how history can help one better understand
	and make informed decisions about the present and future.
Related	b. Analyze and critique major historical eras, major enduring
Maine Learning	themes, turning points, events, consequences, and people
Results	in the history of the United States and world and the
Results	implications for the present and future.
	c. Trace and critique the roots and evolution of democratic
	ideals and constitutional principles in the history of the
	United States and the world using historical sources.
	d. Analyze and critique varying interpretations of historic
	people, issues, or events, and explain how evidence is used
	to support different interpretations.
	E2.Individual, Cultural, International, and Global Connections in
	History
	Students understand historical aspects of unity and diversity in
	the United States and the world, including Native American
	communities.
	b. Identify and analyze major turning points and events in the
	history of Native Americans and various historical and recent
	immigrant groups in the United States, and other cultures in
	the world.
Sample	<ul> <li>Gilgamesh reading and questions</li> </ul>
Lessons	<ul> <li>Egyptian gods and mythology chart</li> </ul>
And	<ul> <li>Hammurabi's Code interpretation</li> </ul>
Activities	<ul> <li>Mesopotamia film</li> </ul>

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Sample	Quizzes over each section: Civilizations in Africa and the Middle
Classroom	East
Assessment	<ul> <li>Cumulative unit exam: Early Civilizations</li> </ul>
Methods	<ul> <li>Discussion, lecture, video, reading, group projects</li> </ul>
	Publications:
	<ul> <li>World History: The Human Experience – The Modern Era</li> </ul>
Sample	Videos:
Resources	<ul> <li>Mesopotamia: Return to Eden</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Neanderthals on Trial</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Egypt: Mummies and Pyramids</li> </ul>