

Social Studies: Grade 7

Course Overview This course begins with the characteristics of civilization. The students study the primary world religions and how they helped to shape ancient and medieval civilizations in Europe and Asia. Skills taught include reading informational text, note-taking, applying information in written assignments,

Course Materials Pearson Education: *My World History*

Course Outline

- I. Characteristics of Civilization (2 weeks)
 - A. 7 Characteristics of Civilization
 - B. Continents and Oceans
 - C. Historical Perspective
 - D. Major Assessments: Continents and Oceans Quiz
 - E. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

- II. Indus Valley Civilization & Eastern Religions (4 weeks)
 - A. Aryan Civilization
 - B. Cast System
 - C. Hinduism
 - D. Buddhism
 - E. Major Assessments: Hinduism/Buddhism Quiz
 - F. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

- III. Ancient Rome (4 weeks)
 - A. Roman Republic
 - B. Social Stratification of Rome
 - C. Roman Engineering Accomplishments
 - D. Roman Polytheistic Religions
 - E. Major Assessments: Social Stratification Jam Board
 - F. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

- IV. Monotheistic Religions (4 weeks)
 - A. Judaism
 - B. Christianity
 - C. Islam
 - D. Major Assessments: Monotheistic Religions Quiz & Compare/Contrast Essay
 - E. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

- V. Middle Ages (12 weeks)
 - A. The Decline of the Roman Empire

- B. Geography of Europe
- C. Feudalism
- D. Vikings
- E. Role of the Church
- F. Crusades
- G. The Black Death
- H. The Magna Carta
- I. Major Assessments: Middle Ages Research Paper & Project
- J. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

VI. Renaissance & Europe (2 weeks)

- A. Origins of the Renaissance
- B. Humanism
- C. Secularism
- D. Individualism
- E. Art & Artists
- F. Literature
- G. Inventions
- H. Architecture
- I. Major Assessments: N/A
- J. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

VII. Protestant Reformation (2 weeks)

- A. Martin Luther Challenges the Church
- B. John Calvin
- C. The Counter-Reformation
- D. The Inquisition
- E. Major Assessments: N/A
- F. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

VIII. Novel Study "Catherine, Called Birdy" (4 weeks)

- A. Vocabulary
- B. Daily Life on a Medieval Manor
- C. Roles of People in a Medieval Society
- D. Major Assessments: "Catherine, Called Birdy" Quiz
- E. Standards Addressed: 8.1.7.A; 8.4.7 A-C, 8.5.6-8; A,B,D,J

