

Grade 7 Socials		Curricular Competencies							
Big Ideas	<p>*Geographic conditions shaped the emergence of civilizations.</p> <p>*Religious and cultural practices that emerged during this period have endured and continue to influence people.</p> <p>*Increasingly complex societies required new systems of laws and government.</p> <p>*Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and cooperation between societies.</p>	Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to: ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions	Assess the significance of people, places, events, and developments at particular times and places (significance)	Determine what is significant in an account, narrative, map, and text (significance)	Assess the credibility of multiple sources and the adequacy of evidence used to justify conclusions (evidence)	Characterize different time periods in history, including periods of progress and decline, and identify key turning points that marked periods of change (continuity and change)	Determine what factors led to particular decisions, actions, and events, and assess their short- and long-term consequences (cause and consequence)	Explain different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, and events, and compare the values, worldviews, and beliefs of human cultures and societies in different times and places (perspective)	Make ethical judgments about past events, decisions, and actions, and assess the limitations of drawing direct lessons from the past (ethical judgment)
Content	anthropological origins of humans								
	human responses to particular geographic challenges and opportunities, including climates, landforms, and natural resources								
	features and characteristics of civilizations and factors that lead to their rise and fall								
	origins, core beliefs, narratives, practices, and influences of religions, including at least one indigenous to the Americas								
	scientific, philosophical, and technological developments								
	interactions and exchanges between past civilizations and cultures, including conflict, peace, trade, expansion, and migration								
	social, political, legal, governmental, and economic systems and structures, including at least one indigenous to the Americas								