***Western Heritage***



***Unit: Ancient River Valley Civilizations***

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| **Key Learning** | **Unit Essential Question** |
| Early River Valley civilizations laid the foundations for the development of culture in the Ancient World. | What patterns of cultural contributions exist through early civilization development? |

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| **Concept:**  **Mesopotamia** | **Concept:**  **Egypt** | **Concept:**  **Canaanite Cultures** |
| ***LEQ/Understand*** | ***LEQ/Understand*** | ***LEQ/Understand*** |
| Why did the earliest civilizations develop in Mesopotamia?  What are the major cultural characteristics and contributions of the Ancient Mesopotamians?  Why did the Mesopotamian civilizations decline? | What are the major cultural characteristics and contributions of the Ancient Egyptians?  Why did the Egyptian civilization decline? | What are the major cultural characteristics and contributions of the Canaanite cultures?  How did the creation of monotheism change the course of world history? |
| ***Vocab/Know*** | ***Vocab/Know*** | ***Vocab/Know*** |
| City-state  Ziggurat  Cuneiform  Empire  Reform  Mesopotamia  Polytheism | Delta  Cataract  Pharaoh  Hieroglyphics  Scribes  Papyrus  Dynasty  Rosetta Stone | Treaty  Colonies  Monotheism  Nomads  Covenant  Exodus  Prophet  Social Justice |
| ***Do*** | ***Do*** | ***Do*** |
| * Identify cause-effect relationships. * Analyze the significance of groups and individuals who made cultural contributions. * Analyze the geographic features of historic places. * Compare and contrast chronological relationships between Ancient Civilizations. * Summarize key details from primary source documents. | * Identify cause-effect relationships. * Analyze the significance of groups and individuals who made cultural contributions. * Analyze the geographic features of historic places. * Compare and contrast chronological relationships between Ancient Civilizations. * Summarize key details from text. | * Identify cause-effect relationships. * Analyze the significance of groups and individuals who made cultural contributions. * Analyze the geographic features of historic places. * Compare and contrast chronological relationships between Ancient Civilizations. * Summarize key details from informational text. |

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| **Concept:**  **Military Empires** |
| ***LEQ/Understand*** |
| What are the major cultural characteristics and contributions of the Ancient Military Civilizations?  Why were the Ancient Military Civilizations so successful at conquering territory? |
| ***Vocab/Know*** |
| Smelting  Provinces  Caravans  Satrap  Satrapies |
| ***Do*** |
| * Identify cause-effect relationships. * Analyze the significance of groups and individuals who made cultural contributions. * Analyze the geographic features of historic places. * Compare and contrast chronological relationships between Ancient Civilizations. |