

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**SIXTH GRADE**  
**HISTORY**

**Philosophy Statement:** Social Studies reveals God's sovereign plan through humanity's interaction with nature, social institutions, and community. It is through the understanding of these interactions that students evaluate the patterns of the past in order to work to fulfill God's Kingdom here on Earth.

**Objectives:** Students will explore ancient civilizations in world history through active reading, writing, discussion, group & independent activities, projects, and videos. Students will describe what is known through archaeological studies from the Paleolithic Era to the Agricultural Revolution and analyze geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of early civilizations. Students will also participate in hands-on activities at the end of each unit (approximately 2-3 times a month) where discovering the past is reinforced through writings, art, cooking, clay, and other forms of creative expressions.

**Textbook:** Discovering Our Past: Ancient Civilizations (Glencoe, McGraw Hill)

**Novel:** The Bronze Bow, By Elizabeth Speare

**Materials:** Student Textbook  
Fast Files - Activity notebook pages  
Geography: Maps and Charts  
Composition notebook / Passports

**Time Allotment:** 50 minutes per day, 3 days per week

**Course Content:** Introduction: Introduction to History  
Ch 1: The First Civilizations  
Ch 2: Ancient Egypt and Kush  
Ch 3: The Ancient Israelites  
Ch 4: Early India  
Ch 5: Early China  
Ch 6: The Ancient Americas  
Ch 7: The Ancient Greeks  
Ch 8: Greek Civilization  
Ch 9: The Rise of Rome  
Ch 10: Roman Civilization  
Ch 11: The Rise of Christianity

**Areas to be Evaluated:** Class Participation  
Written class & homework assignments  
Quizzes/Tests/Projects  
Power Point Presentation of Ancient Civilization

**Additional Activities:** Field trips to The Getty Villa Museum, Holy Land Exhibit, Chinese Garden at the Huntington Library; Hands-on projects such as Passport summaries of ancient civilizations, mummification of stuffed animals, cave paintings, India prayer flags, cuneiform tablets, hieroglyphic nametags, Grecian vases, and multicultural foods, games and celebrations. (e.g. Roman Tribute & Hanukkah)