**World Civilizations Curriculum Map**

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| 1st Q  u  a  r  t  e  r | **Unit 1:**  **Ancient Civilizations**  **Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China**  Standard 1: Students will understand that all ancient people had 3 things in common: river systems, religion, and record-keeping & writing systems  Standard 2: Students will understand that each ancient civilization has contributed to our present-day culture. |
| **Unit 2:**  **Greece and Rome**  Standard 1: Students will understand that Greek and Roman culture has had a significant impact on our present culture.  Standard 2: Students will understand that Greek and Roman culture spread as a result of trade and conquest. |
| 2nd Q  u  a  r  t  e  r | **Unit 3:**  **Islamic World, Mongols, Byzantine Empire, Japan’s Feudal System, Medieval Period**  Standard 1: Students will understand that religion can provide significant motivation for conflict and conquest.  Power Standard 2: Students will understand that cultures from different regions of the world may share common characteristics.  Standard 3: Students will understand that English culture and civilization have provided many governing principles for our modern democracy. |
| **Unit 4:**  **The Medieval Period and Renaissance**  Standard #1: Students will understand that interaction between cultures enlivens each culture.  Standard #2: Students will understand that cultural interaction will produce new ideas which benefit people.  Standard #3: Students will understand that English culture and civilization have provided many governing principles for our modern democracy.  Standard #4: Students will understand that access to information leads to better understanding and better choices.  Standard #5: Students will understand that freedom of thought can often result in significant change. |
| 3rd Q  u  a  r  t  e  r | **Unit 5:**  **Reformation, Absolute Monarchies, Age of Exploration, Age of Reason**  Standard #1: Students will understand that political power vacuums will always be filled.  Standard #2: Students will understand that freedom of thought can often result in significant change.  Standard #3: Students will understand that new technology leads to new discovery. |
| **Unit 6:**  **Age of Revolution, British, American, French, and Industrial Revolutions**  Standard #1: Students will understand that how a government treats its people determines its longevity  Standard #2: Students will understand that revolution comes in a variety of forms.  Standard #3: Students will understand that revolution will always follow the following formula or pattern: Problem--Idea--Action--Reaction--Conflict--Change. |
| 4th Q  u  a  r  t  e  r | **Unit 7:**  **Age of Nationalism, Age of Imperialism, World War I**  Standard #1: Students will understand that nationalism is a force that can both build and destroy.  Standard #2: Students will understand that common characteristics will unify people, and differences will divide people.  Standard #3: Students will understand that powerful peoples will often attempt to exploit weaker peoples. |
| **Unit 8:**  **World War II, The Cold War, Technological Revolution, and Terrorism**  Standard #1: Students will understand that power unchallenged leads to abuse.  Standard #2: Students will understand that national self-interest outweighs all else.  Standard #3: Students will understand that extreme ideology leads to conflict.  Standard #4: Students will understand that the development of new technology can both help and hurt humanity. |