

**2024-2025 Hickman County Pacing Guide  
6th Grade Social Studies**

<b>1st Cumulative MVPA Assessment, Sept. 30 - Oct. 4</b>		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Standards</b>	<b>Major Topics/Concepts</b>
Foundations of Human Civilization	6.01 - 6.04	Time designations and abbreviations BC/BCE and AD/CE Circa/decades/centuries Nomadic hunter-gatherer societies Use of weapons/fire/shelter/tools Agricultural Revolution Barter economy Domestication of plants and animals Permanent settlements Food surpluses Labor specialization Key characteristics of civilizations
Ancient Mesopotamia	6.05 - 6.12	Locations of geographical features of Mesopotamia Black Sea Euphrates River Mediterranean Sea Persian Gulf Tigris River Zagros Mountains Geographic and climate features of the Fertile Crescent Advancements in agriculture Irrigation/silt/metallurgy/Use of animals Use of enslaved labor Wheels/sail/plow Economic growth in Sumer Expansion of trade/transportation Emergence of city-states Monarchy/empire Polytheism/Mesopotamian religion Achievements of Mesopotamia Cuneiform/clay tablets Ziggurats <i>Epic of Gilgamesh</i> Code of Hammurabi
Ancient Egypt	6.13 - 6.19	Location and geographical features of Ancient Egypt Mediterranean Sea/Red Sea Nile Delta/Nile River Upper and Lower Egypt Sahara Desert Agricultural practices of Ancient Egypt

		Irrigation Major Topics/Concepts Development of a calendar Social structure of Ancient Egypt Roles of enslaved people Pharaohs as gods/kings Religion of Ancient Egypt Beliefs about afterlife/mummification/pyramids Key figures of Ancient Egypt Queen Hatshepsut/Ramses the Great Tutankhamun's tomb Achievements of Ancient Egypt Hieroglyphics/papyrus Pyramids/Sphinx at Giza Trade and conflict with Nubia
<b>2nd Cumulative MVPA Assessment, Dec. 16 - Dec. 20</b> <b>(covering all content from 1st and 2nd</b>		
Unit	Standards	Major Topics/Concepts
Ancient Israel	6.20 - 6.24	Location and geographical features of Ancient Israel Dead Sea Jerusalem Jordan River Mediterranean Sea Red Sea Sinai Peninsula Movement of Ancient Israelites Key people of Judaism/Abraham/Moses Sacred texts of Judaism/The Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) Basic beliefs of Judaism Monotheism Ten Commandments Emphasis on individual worth and personal responsibility King Saul/King David/King Solomon Breakup of the Kingdom of Israel Babylonian captivity Persian Empire
Ancient India	6.25 - 6.30	Location and geographical features of Ancient India Ganges River Himalayan Mountains Indian Ocean Indus River Monsoon winds Subcontinent of India Harappan civilization/Indus River Valley

		<p>Brick architecture/roads and grid systems/sewer systems</p> <p>Caste system</p> <p>Origin/features/beliefs of Hinduism</p> <p>Aryan traditions</p> <p>The Vedas</p> <p>Dharma/karma/reincarnation/moksha</p> <p>Origin/features/beliefs of Buddhism</p> <p>Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)</p> <p>Tripitaka</p> <p>Four Noble Truths/Eightfold Path/Nirvana</p> <p>Intellectual traditions of Ancient India</p> <p>Medical education/techniques</p> <p>Mathematics</p>
Ancient China	6.31 - 6.38	<p>Location and geographical features of Ancient China</p> <p>Gobi Desert</p> <p>Himalayan Mountains</p> <p>Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Plateau of Tibet</p> <p>Yangtze River</p> <p>Yellow River</p> <p>Impact of geography on Yellow River Valley civilizations</p> <p>Government of Ancient China</p> <p>Mandate of heaven</p> <p>Legalism</p> <p>Confucius/Confucianism</p> <p>The Analects</p> <p>Social hierarchy in Ancient China</p> <p>Unification of China</p> <p>Qin Shi Huangdi/Qin Dynasty</p> <p>Han Dynasty</p> <p>Major accomplishments of the Han Dynasty</p> <p>Magnetic compass/paper/porcelain/silk/woodblock printing</p> <p>The Silk Road</p> <p>Cultural diffusion</p> <p>Introduction of Buddhism to Ancient China</p>
<b>3rd Cumulative Assessment, March 17 - March 21 (covering all content)</b>		
Ancient Greece	6.39-6.50	<p>Location and geographical features of Ancient Greece</p> <p>Asia Minor</p> <p>Athens</p> <p>Macedonia</p> <p>Mediterranean Sea</p> <p>Peloponnesian Peninsula</p> <p>Sparta</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of city-states</li> <li>Maritime trade</li> <li>Colonization of the Mediterranean</li> <li>The polis in city-states</li> <li>Civic participation</li> <li>Citizenship</li> <li>Rule of law</li> <li>Direct democracy</li> <li>Oligarchy</li> <li>Characteristics of Athens and Sparta</li> <li>Persian Wars</li> <li>Peloponnesian Wars</li> <li>Conquest by Macedonia</li> <li>Polytheism/religion of Ancient Greece</li> <li>Emergence of Olympic Games</li> <li>Ancient Greek literature/Iliad/Odyssey</li> <li>Ancient Greek philosophers/Aristotle/Plato/Socrates</li> <li>Purposes of Greek architecture/Parthenon/Acropolis</li> <li>Unification of Greek city-states</li> <li>Alexander the Great</li> <li>Diffusion of Hellenistic culture</li> </ul>
Ancient Rome	6.51-6.6.62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location and geographical features of Ancient Rome</li> <li>Constantinople</li> <li>Italian Alps</li> <li>Italian Peninsula</li> <li>Mediterranean Sea</li> <li>Rome</li> <li>Tiber River</li> <li>Growth of Rome in the Mediterranean region and beyond</li> <li>Government of the Roman Republic</li> <li>Branches of government</li> <li>Checks and balances</li> <li>Representative democracy</li> <li>Rule of law/Twelve Tables</li> <li>Class system of Ancient Rome</li> <li>Patricians/plebeians/enslaved people</li> <li>Julius Caesar</li> <li>Augustus Caesar</li> <li>Roman Empire</li> <li>Pax Romana</li> <li>Innovations in engineering and architecture</li> <li>Aqueducts/arches/bridges/domes/roads/sanitation</li> <li>The Colosseum</li> <li>Polytheistic religion of Ancient Rome</li> <li>Origin and features of Christianity</li> <li>Key people of Christianity/Jesus/Paul</li> <li>The Bible</li> </ul>

		<p>Basic beliefs of Christianity Monotheism/sin and forgiveness/eternal life Jesus as the Messiah Jewish diaspora Division of the Roman Empire into East and West Constantine Fall of the Western Roman Empire Germanic invasions Byzantine Empire</p>
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