

MATERIAL COVERED:

The Comparative Civilizations 12 course is divided into four main sections.

The Civilizations of the Near and far East

- Egypt and the Near East
- Ancient India
- Chinese Civilization

The Civilizations of Greece and Rome

- The Rise of the Greeks
- Classical Greece
- The Rise of Rome
- The Roman Empire

The Civilizations of the Non-Western World

- The Islamic Middle East
- Japan: Land of the Rising Sun
- The Ancient Maya
- The Ancient Aztecs

The Resurgence of Western Civilization

- Europe in the Dark Ages
- The High Middle Ages
- The Late Middle Ages
- The Foundations of Early Modern Europe

TEXTBOOKS:

The course uses the following

Odyssey Through the Ages

(ISBN 0-07-551107-X, McGraw-Hill Ryerson)

EVALUATION:

This course works on a mastery system. You must pass the mastery tests in each unit to the 80% level before you can go on. In addition, there are cumulative tests from time to time. These can only be taken once, so it is essential to study hard and do your best work on them. Projects may only be submitted once. They are treated like cumulative tests. Your school mark for the course is based 60% on the mastery tests and 40% on the cumulative tests.

GOAL

The goal of this unit is to explore the various elements of ancient civilizations of the Near East

OBJECTIVES

While completing this unit you will:

- Understand the history of ancient Egypt and the Near East.
- Examine the importance of Mesopotamia as the cradle of civilization.
- Describe the importance of the Tigris, Euphrates, and the Nile rivers.
- Examine the development of writing.
- Recognize the gallery of Egyptian Gods.
- Briefly outline the steps for mummification.
- Explain the conventions of Egyptian Art.
- Investigate the mystery of the Egyptian Hieroglyphics.
- Describe civilizations such as the Hittites, Canaanites, Phoenicians, and the Israelites.

WHAT TO DO IN THIS UNIT

- This unit uses the textbook *Odyssey Through the Ages*, Chapter 3.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 worksheet.
- Read Chapter 3, then answer the questions in Part A and B of the worksheet.
- When you are ready, ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Test. Remember, you must get 80% to pass, so studying hard is essential.