

## Grade Six

### Early Man

#### Mesopotamia

*Gilgamesh*, retold by Geraldine McCaughrean, Eerdmans, 2002

*Gilgamesh the King*, Ludmila Zeman, Tundra Books, 1992

*Lugalbanda: the Boy Who Got Caught up in a War*, Kathy

Henderson, Candlewick, 2006

*Ten Kings and the Worlds They Ruled*, Milton Meltzer, Random House, 20

#### Egypt

*Bone Dry*, Kathleen Karr, Hyperion, 2002

*Casting the Gods Adrift: A Tale of Ancient Egypt*, Geraldine McCaughrean, Cricket, 2002

*The Egyptian Box*, Jane Louise Curry, Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2002

*Hatshepsut, the Princess Who Became King*, Ellen Galford, *National Geographic*, 2005

*The Library of Alexandria*, Kelly Trumble, Clarion, 2003

*Secrets of the Sphinx*, James Cross Giblin, Scholastic, 2004

*Tutankhamun: the Mystery of the Boy King*, National Geographic, 2005

*Voices of Ancient Egypt*, Kay Winters, National Geographic, 2003

*The Wadjet Eye*, Jill Rubalcaba, Clarion, 2000 (Reluctant Readers)

#### Hammurabi's Code

*Ten Kings and the Worlds They Ruled*, Milton Meltzer, Orchard, 2002

#### Ancient Greece

*The First Marathon: the Legend of Pheidippides*, Susan Reynolds, Whitman, 2006

*The Hero and the Minotaur: the Fantastic Adventures of Theseus*, Robert Byrd, Dutton, 2005

*The Land of the Dead*, Mary Pope Osborne, Hyperion, 2002 (6.4.4)

*Lost in the Labyrinth*, Patrice Kindl, Houghton Mifflin, 2002

*The One-Eyed Giant*, Mary Pope Osborne, Hyperion, 2002 (6.4.4)

*Parthenon*, Lynn Curlee, S&S, 2004

*Pompeii, Lost and Found*, Mary Pope Osborn, Knopf, 2006

#### Early India

*Buddha*, Anna Carew-Miller, Mason Crest, 2003

#### Early China

*Bound*, Donna Jo Napoli, S&S, 2004

*The Adventures of Marco Polo*, Russell Freedman, Arthur Levine, 2007]

*The Biography of Silk*, Carrie Gleason, Crabtree, 2007

*Bound*, Donna Jo Napoli, S&S, 2004

*Cloud Weavers: Ancient Chinese Legends*, Rena Krasno and Yeng-Fong Chang, Pacific View, 2003

*Confucius: The Golden Rule*, Russell Freedman, Arthur A. Levine Books, 2002

*The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient China*, Leonard Everett Fisher, Holiday, 2003

*The Kite Rider: A Novel*, Geraldine McCaughrean, Harper Collins, 2002

*Lady of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South*, Laurence Yep, Scholastic, 2001

*The Legend of Lao Tzu and the Tao Te Ching*, Demi, McElderry, 2007

*Marco? Polo!*, Jon Scieszka, Viking, 2006

*A Time of Golden Dragons*, Song Nan Zhang and Hao Yu Zhang,

## History Social Science

### World History & Geography: Ancient Civilizations

#### 6.1 Early physical & cultural development of man from the Paleolithic to the agricultural revolution

1. Hunter gatherer societies, development of tools, fire
2. Locations of human communities, how adapted to various environments
3. Climatic changes, human modifications of environment giving rise to domestication of plants & animals, sources of clothing, shelter

#### 6.2 Early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Kush

1. River systems, physical settings that supported civilizations
2. Agricultural techniques
3. Religion and social, political order in Mesopotamia & Greece
4. Significance of Hammurabi's Code
5. Features of Egyptian art, architecture
6. Role of Egyptian trade
7. Significance of Queen Hatshepsut, Ramses the Great
8. Relations between Egypt & Kush
9. Evolution of language & written forms

#### 6.3 Ancient Hebrews (Judaism)

1. Origins and significance of Judaism
2. Sources of teachings and beliefs of Judaism
3. Significance of Abraham, Moses, Naomi, Ruth, David, Yohanah be Zaccai in development of Jewish religion
4. Locations of settlements and movements of Hebrews
5. Survival of Judaism

#### 6.4 Ancient Greece

1. Connections between geography and development of City-states, patterns of trade and commerce
2. Invention of idea of citizenship in ancient Greece
3. Differences between Athenian democracy and representative democracy
4. Significance of Greek mythology, continues to permeate our literature and language (e.g., *Iliad*, *Odyssey*, *Aesop's Fables*)
5. Founding, expansion, organization of Persian Empire
6. Compare/contrast life in Sparta and Athens, roles in Persian and Peloponnesian Wars
7. Rise of Alexander the Great, spread of Greek culture
8. Contributions of Greek figures in art and science (e.g., Hypatia, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Euclid, Thucydides)

#### 6.5 Early civilizations of India

1. Locate, describe major river system, physical setting
2. Significance of Aryan invasions
3. Major beliefs and practices of Brahmanism in India, evolution into early Hinduism
4. Social structure of caste system
5. Life and teachings of Buddha, spread of Buddhism into India, Ceylon, Central Asia
6. Growth of Maurya empire, achievements of Asoka
7. Aesthetic/intellectual traditions (e.g., Sanskrit, Bhagavad Gita, medicine, metallurgy, mathematics)

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Tundra Books, 2000

### **Ancient Rome**

*The Adventures of Odysseus*, Hugh Lupton, Barefoot, 2006

*The Ancient Romans*, Allison Lassieur, Watts, 2004

*Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome*, Marissa Moss

*Julius Caesar: the Boy Who Conquered an Empire*, Ellen Galford, National Geographic, 2007

*Rome: in Spectacular Cross-Section*, Andrew Solway, Scholastic, 2003

*The Roman Army: the Legendary Soldiers Who Created an Empire*, Dyan Blacklock, 2004

*See You Later, Gladiator*, Jon Scieszka, Viking, 2000

*The Thieves of Ostia: a Roman Mystery*, Caroline Lawrence, Puffin, 2004

### **Other**

*Greece! Rome! Monsters!* John Harris, Getty, 2002

*The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*, Diana Bentley, Oxford Univ Press, 2002

*Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*, Lynn Curlee, Atheneum, 2002

### **6.6 Early civilizations of China**

1. Shang dynasty
2. Geographic features of China making governance, spread of ideas and goods difficult, isolated from world
3. Life of Confucius, Taoism
4. Political and cultural problems in time of Confucius
5. Policies and achievements of Qin Dynasty
6. Political contributions of Han dynasty
7. Significance of "Silk Roads" in Han Dynasty and Roman Empire
8. Diffusion of Buddhism into China

### **6.7 Ancient Rome**

1. Location, rise of Roman Republic including importance of mythical & historical figures (e.g., Aeneas, Romulus and Remus, Julius Caesar, Cicero)
2. Government of Roman Republic and significance (e.g., constitution, tripartite governments, checks and balances, civic duty)
3. Location and political and geographic reasons for growth of Roman Empire, how fostered economic growth through use of currency and trade routes.
4. Influence of Julius Caesar and Augustus in transition from republic to empire
5. Migration of Jews around Mediterranean region, effects of conflict with Romans
6. Origins of Christianity in the Jewish Messianic prophecies, life and teachings of Jesus, contribution of St. Paul to the spread of Christian beliefs
7. Circumstances that led to spread of Christianity in Europe and Roman territories
8. Legacies of Roman art, architecture, technology, science, literature, language, law