GRADE 6 | HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES

UNIT 1 | STUDENT EDITION

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STUDENT HISTORY WORKBOOK - Unit 1

History, geography and civics only, with timelines, map skills and source-based work.

Lesson 1: Historical geography and ancient civilizations

Read and Understand History

Learn: Historians study ancient societies using archaeology, texts and geographical evidence. Dates and interpretations depend on source quality. Communities developed in many regions, including major river valleys; complex histories cannot be reduced to one invention or one ruler.

Historical Thinking and Geography: 10 Assignments

1. Name one type of archaeological source.

2. Explain what an artifact can reveal.

3. Explain what an artifact cannot prove alone.

4. Locate a historical river valley using a reliable map.

5. State why rivers can support settlement.

6. Distinguish written evidence from interpretation.

7. Describe why dating a source matters.

8. Choose one ancient society and cite a reputable museum article.

9. Write a timeline of three verified developments.

10. Advanced: compare interpretations from two scholarly sources.

Source Check

For each historical claim, identify who recorded it, its date and what the source can or cannot establish. Use accurate historical references; do not invent quotations or treat every account as equally supported.

Advanced Research Extension

Find a primary source and an independent credible historical account relevant to this lesson. Describe one agreement and one limitation, using real citations.

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