ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL HISTORY ONLINE

EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

Ancient and Medieval History Online provides thorough coverage of world history from prehistory through the 1500s, with special *Topic Centers* on key civilizations and regions, including the ancient Near East, Egypt, Greece, and Rome; ancient and medieval Africa, Asia, and the Americas; and medieval Europe and the Islamic World. Each civilization's history is brought to life through tablet/mobile-friendly videos and slideshows, primary sources, maps and graphs, timelines, suggested readings, and suggested search terms.



Ancient and Medieval History Online offers educators, students, and researchers an essential library of world history through the 1500s. Comprehensive coverage on key civilizations, with instructive visuals to help students understand the world as it was during this time.

Ancient and Medieval History is a great starting point for research, and learning about people and cultures around the world. This resource will help students to:

- ✓ research key civilizations up through the 1500s
- ✓ understand historic events in context
- ✓ discuss key events within the large historical chronology
- ✓ analyze primary sources
- utilize critical thinking skills in hypothesizing about different outcome of events
- examine maps, graphs, charts and images



Content:

The award-winning **Ancient and Medieval History Online** database provides a wealth of information on early civilizations that helped shape the world as we know it today. **Ancient and Medieval History Online** is a comprehensive resource with content handpicked by our editors, and organized in a way that is logical for research and fact finding.

Take students on a visual field trip with videos that bring the cultures, customs and traditions into the classroom. Understand the history of these ancient worlds with articles written especially with students in mind. Use maps to explore and discover the areas of the earliest centers of civilizations, trace the Celts through Europe, study the regions of native Mesoamerican civilizations, and explore the Silk Road in Central Asia and more! Students and researchers will appreciate the history behind these cultures, as they dive into rich content of this database.

Highlights and features include:

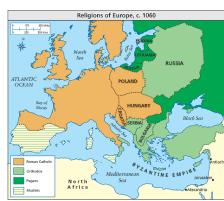
- Intuitive Home Page provides quick access to key subject areas
- Sources include: more than 35,413 articles; 464 primary sources; 1,638+ images; 3,838 video clips; 3,319 events from timelines, and more!
- Focused Topic Centers offer specially selected content on each civilizationincluding articles, shareable slideshows, videos, primary sources, and more – serving as a solid starting point for ongoing research.



- **Featured Videos and Slideshows** offer a visual introduction to key topics and themes. SMART Board-friendly, they make a great presentation focusing on a specific time period.
- In-depth overview essays on relevant historical topics
- **Featured People** recognizes Notable Archaeologists, Famous Philosophers, Famous Roman Emperors, Notable Ancient Writers, Great Military Leaders, Important Pharaohs and Queens of Egypt, and more!
- **Featured Primary Sources** include Religious Texts, Works of Literature, Legal Codes and Constitutions, and Speeches during this time period.
- Featured Maps and Graphs help researchers explore Ancient Sites and Cultures;
 Empires and Rulers, Rebellions and Revolutions, and Religions
- **Search by standards** allows users to find correlating articles to Common Core, state, national, provincial, AP, and International
- Access to this database is 24/7/365 days (internet access needed)

Baccalaureate Organization standards

- Persistent record links
- Read Aloud feature allows students to listen as articles are read; perfect for ESL students or challenged readers
- Translation tools for 80+ languages
- Dynamic citations in MLA and CMS formats, with EasyBib export functionality
- Convenient A-to-Z topic lists



- The searchable **Support Center** provides helpful articles, video tutorials, and live help chat for the database
- Ability to set preferences at Admin level for default language, citation format, and standards for correlations
- Share to Google Classroom allows users to share information and collaborate



Special Features:

Topic Centers help students, researchers and educators by assembling key resources relevant to a particular topic or theme. Each Topic Center includes: Suggested Readings, Videos and

Slideshows, Primary Source Documents, Maps and Charts, and a Timeline. Topic Centers help to focus on key information associated with the civilization studied. Topic Center subject areas are as follows:

Ancient and Medieval Africa: 5000 BCE-1500 CE

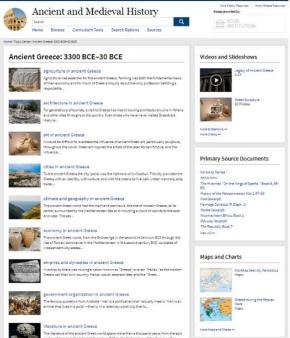
Ancient Egypt: 5000 BCE - 650 CE Ancient Near East: 4000 BCE - 650 CE Ancient Greece: 3300 BCE - 30 BCE

Ancient and Medieval Asia: 3000 BCE-1600 CE

The Americas: 200 BCE -1500 CE Ancient Rome: 800 BCE -500 CE Medieval Europe: 500 CE - 1500 CE Islamic World: 570 CE - 1500 CE

Some features you shouldn't miss...

- Featured Videos and Slideshows located under "Resources" provide short clips and presentations on key events and interesting cultures in *Ancient and Medieval History Online*. Use these videos and slideshows as a strong visual introduction to a lesson on a specific civilization.
- "Curriculum Tools" located on the Home Page provide tools for students and educators, from writing a research paper to analyzing primary sources to citing sources and preventing plagiarism.
- Located on the Home Page under "Resources" Topics A-Z is a great place to send students looking for a research topic. There are hundreds of topics to choose from.



<u>Projects and Ideas for Educators – using Ancient and Medieval History Online</u>:

<u>Ancient and Medieval History Online</u> offers students engaging content to use in research papers and/or projects. Here are a few projects where using **Ancient and Medieval History Online** will encourage learning and strengthen skills.

Compare and Contrast...

- ✓ Using "Topic Centers" located on the home page, have students compare and contrast two ancient civilizations, (i.e. Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome). Have students make a chart, use a Venn diagram or list similarities and differences. Ask them to share their findings.
- ✓ Under "Featured People" on the Home Page, have students compare and contrast two four philosophers who lived during the same time period. How were their views different? How were they similar? What historic events that occurred during the time they lived may have helped to form or shape their opinions?
- ✓ Using **Ancient and Medieval History Online** ask students to research, then compare and contrast the art and sculpture of this time period in various parts of the world. Ask them to choose a few works or pieces and write a short paragraph on the piece and discuss its symbolic nature. Art forms in this time period included paintings, sculpture, mosaics, metalwork, weaving and more!

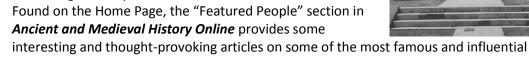
Create...

- ✓ Using the search box on the home page of **Ancient and Medieval History Online**, ask students to type in "Ancient Greece", "Ancient Rome", or "Ancient Egypt." Their search will yield results with several tabs/categories: **Articles, Primary Sources, Images, Videos** and **News**. Direct students to click on the "News" tab and select a few relevant stories and create a one-page newsletter/newspaper using current news related to ancient civilizations.
- ✓ Using the Topic Centers in Ancient and Medieval History Online, ask students to choose one of the Topic Centers and create a poster that highlights key people, events, documents, etc. about that particular subject. Use the maps, charts, and timelines provided within each center.

Critical Thinking and Discussion...

✓ Religion played a key role in the development of ancient and medieval cultures. Using

Ancient and Medieval History Online, ask students to research the various religions of some of the ancient civilizations. Students can select a civilization or region from the Topic Center list and use the Suggested Reading link as a starting point for research. Give students a few days to conduct research using Ancient and Medieval History Online. After research is complete, ask each student o present their findings. Discuss the various religions and how these religions shaped the ancient and medieval cultures.



- people who lived during the ancient and medieval time period. Choose one of these key people and start a conversation with your students about the person and the role they played in the society and time in which they lived.
- ✓ Many of the videos and video clips found in *Ancient and Medieval History Online* can serve as a good introduction to a lesson or theme. Videos and video clips offer students a visual learning experience. View a clip at a time, discuss it or assign it for viewing at home. For a complete list of the video clips click on the "Resources" Tab, then click on "Videos" and see approximately 2,600 video clips on various ancient and medieval civilizations and themes.

Visual Learning- How effective are databases and video in learning?

Online resources are a great way to promote and improve learning. They help to stimulate the thought process and allow students to understand a concept, idea or process, with visual input. Did you know...?

- ✓ Approximately 65 % of the population are visual learners
- ✓ The brain processes visual information 60,000 times faster than text.
- ✓ 90% of information that comes to the brain is visual.
- ✓ Visual aids in the classroom improve learning by up to 400%.
- ✓ A stimulating environment for a child can make the difference between a 25% greater ability to learn or 25% less in an environment with little stimulation.

Education Standards

Ancient and Medieval History Online offers a "Search by Standards" tool which includes U.S. National Standards, State Standards, Common Core State Standards, AP Standards, and more. Educators can choose a subject area and grade level. General uses for this resource in regards to educational standards include:

- ✓ Comprehension of text and context
- ✓ Critiquing and analyzing documents
- ✓ Critical thinking skills
- ✓ Using timelines
- ✓ Evaluating information and rewriting it in one's own words
- ✓ Building vocabulary, understand key terms
- ✓ Understanding a topic or event
- ✓ Comparing and contrasting information from different sources and articles
- ✓ Citing resources

Your Feedback ... Please!

Your feedback is important to us. Tell us how you like **Ancient and Medieval History Online** and share with us the ways you integrate this resource into your lessons. We love to hear your feedback—positive or suggestions for improvements.

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