## River Valley Civilizations Unit Guide

Unit 1A

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River Valley Civilizations	Critical Vocabulary  civilization cultural diffusion deity dynasty fertile crescent heresy monotheism Neolithic Revolution nomads patriarchy polytheism primary source secondary source sect theocracy  Textbook Vocabulary	Essential Standards	WH.1.1.1: Identify the structure of a historical narrative or story: (its beginning, middle and end). WH.1.1.2: Interpret data presented in time lines and create time lines WH.1.2.1: Reconstruct the literal meaning of a historical passage. WH.1.2.2: Differentiate between historical facts and historical interpretations. WH.1.2.3: Analyze data in historical maps WH.1.3.1: Identify issues and problems in the past WH.1.3.2: Consider multiple perspectives of various peoples in the past WH.1.3.5: Evaluate the influence of the past on contemporary issues. WH.1.4.1: Formulate historical questions WH.1.4.3: Support interpretations with historical evidence. WH.2.1: Compare how different geographic issues of the ancient period influenced settlement, trading networks, and the sustainability of various ancient civilizations WH.2.2: Analyze the governments of ancient civilizations in terms of their development, structure and function within
			various societies  WH.2.3: Explain how codifying laws met the needs of ancient societies  WH.2.5: Analyze the development and growth of major Eastern and Western religions.  WH.2.8: Compare the conditions, racial composition, and status of social classes, castes, and slaves in ancient societies and analyze changes in those elements  WH.2.9: Evaluate the achievements of ancient civilizations in terms of their enduring cultural impact
	ahimsa bureaucracy caste covenant cuneiform dharma Diaspora dynastic cycle feudalism filial piety hieroglyphics karma loess moksha nirvana pharaoh prophet reincarnation Torah yin-yang ziggurat	Learner Objectives	Students should be able to compare ancient river valley civilizations.     Students should be able to compare and contrast the essential doctrines of major world religions.
		Language Objectives	1) The student will be able to write about ancient river valley civilizations by creating a flipchart and labeling a map. 2) Students will work with a partner to create a chart that compares the major world religions.
		Essential Questions	<ol> <li>What makes a people group a civilization? Is the traditional definition of a civilization relevant to all cultures? Is there a better definition of a civilization?</li> <li>What are the benefits of living in a community? What are the drawbacks?</li> <li>How does where we live influence how we live (how does geography affect trade, innovation, growth, culture)</li> <li>How does religion affect the lives of its followers?</li> <li>What themes are universal in all religions?</li> <li>How is society influenced by religion (trade, class, achievements, etc)?</li> <li>What questions do people expect a religion to answer?</li> </ol>