

HISTORY ODYSSEY - ANCIENTS (LEVEL THREE)

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Reading Skills
 - A. *How to Read a Book*
 - B. "How to Read *How to Read a Book*"
 - C. How to Write a Thesis Statement Assignment
 - D. The Elements of Civilization Research & Writing Assignment
- II. Early Civilized Life
 - A. The Fertile Crescent
 - B. Map - The Fertile Crescent
- III. Ancient Mesopotamia
 - A. *The Epic of Gilgamesh* and Essay Assignment
 - B. "Sumerian Religious Belief System" Research & Writing Assignment
 - C. "Sumerian Inventions" Short Description Assignment
 - D. Map - Ancient Sumer & Akkadian Empires
 - E. "Code of Hammurabi" Research & Writing Assignment
 - F. "Babylonian Legacies" Summary Assignment
 - G. Map - The Babylonian Empire
 - H. Activity Idea - Sumerian Ziggurat Model
- IV. Ancient Egypt
 - A. *The Tale of Sinhue* and Essay Assignment
 - B. Dynastic Synchronization Essay Assignment
 - C. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
 - D. Map - Ancient Egypt
 - E. *The Tale of the Shipwrecked Sailor*
 - F. *The Dialogue of a Man and His Soul*
 - G. *The Teaching of the Vizier Ptahhotep*
 - H. Map - Egypt's Middle and New Kingdoms
 - I. Your Choice Ancient Egypt Essay
 - J. Activity Idea - Ancient Egypt Photo Journal
- V. Intruders and Invaders: The Dark Ages of the Ancient Near East
 - A. Mediterranean Cultures
 - B. *The Iliad* Literature Matrix Project and Essay Assignment
 - C. Short Biographies Assignment
 - D. Map - The Exodus
 - E. Map - Israel's Divided Kingdom
 - F. "Ancient Civilizations" Survey Project
 - G. Map - Minoan Crete
 - H. Map - The Assyrian Empire
 - I. Map - Phoenician Trade
 - J. Your Choice "Mediterranean Culture" Research & Writing Assignment
 - K. *A Rulebook for Arguments* Introduction (Assignments from this book are ongoing throughout the remainder of the course and will not be itemized again in this outline.)
- VI. The Beginnings of Civilization in Eastern Asia
 - A. Map - Ancient India
 - B. "Ancient India" Essay Assignment
 - C. Shang, Chou, Ch'in Summary Assignment
 - D. Map - Ancient China
 - E. *Analects of Confucius* Research and Writing Assignment
- VII. The Other Worlds of the Ancient Past
 - A. Africa, Megalithic Europe, and The Americas
 - B. Map - Ancient Africa

- VIII. The End of the Old World
 - A. The Persian Empire
 - B. Map - Persia Under King Darius
 - C. "Persian Conquerors" Summary Assignment
 - D. "Zoroastrianism" Essay Assignment

- IX. The Roots of One World (The Classical Mediterranean)
 - A. Classical Standards Project
 - B. "*The Odyssey* Plot Elements" Chart Project and Essay Assignment

- X. The Greeks
 - A. *The Boys' and Girls' Herodotus* and Summary Assignment
 - B. Map - Persia vs. Greece
 - C. Persia vs. Greece
 - D. "Ancient Games" Research Project
 - E. The Classical Temple
 - F. "The Nine Muses" Project
 - G. Greece vs. Rome

- XI. Greek Civilization
 - A. Map - The Peloponnesian War
 - B. *The Fall of Athens*
 - C. Classical Contributors Biography Assignment
 - D. Ancient Artists and Their Crafts
 - E. Pericles' "Funeral Oration" and Essay Assignment
 - F. *The Last Days of Socrates* Storyboard Project and Essay Assignment
 - G. Athenian Democracy Writing Assignment
 - H. Activity Idea - Ancient Greece Travel Brochure

- XII. The Hellenistic World
 - A. *The Life of Alexander the Great* Chronology Project and Interview Assignment
 - B. Demosthenes' "The Second Oration Against Philip" and Essay Assignment
 - C. Greek Creativity
 - D. Map - Conquests of Alexander the Great
 - E. "Battles of Alexander" Research and Analysis Assignment
 - F. "Hellenistic Contributors" Biography Assignment
 - G. "Epicureanism and Stoicism" Research and Writing Assignment

- XIII. Rome
 - A. "Roman Ruler Chart" Project
 - B. Map - The Roman Republic
 - C. Carthage vs. Rome
 - D. "To His Soldiers" (Hannibal's speech)
 - E. Map - The Punic Wars (Rome vs. Carthage)
 - F. "Punic Wars" Essay Assignment
 - G. The Young Carthaginian
 - H. *Lives of Famous Romans*
 - I. "Catilinarian Conspiracy" Selected Readings and Short Fiction Writing Assignment
 - J. Gaul vs. Rome
 - K. Siegeworks Model Building Project

- XIV. The Roman Achievement
 - A. Map - The Great Roman Empire
 - B. Egypt vs. Rome
 - C. Rome's Ingenious Engineers
 - D. Ancient Rome Writing Assignments

XV. Jewry and the Coming of Christianity

A. Jewish Contributions to Christianity

B. "Rome's Facilitation of the Rise of Christianity" Essay Assignment

XVI. The Waning of the Classical West

A. Short Biographies Assignment

B. Map - Barbarian Invasion

C. "Decline and Fall of Rome" Analytical Essay Assignment

D. Growth and Change in the Christian Church Essay Assignment

E. Activity Idea - Design an Ancient Rome Board Game

XVII. Timeline Analysis

Note: The Roman numeral lesson titles noted above are taken from corresponding chapters in the text, *New History of the World*, by J.M. Roberts.