

Model Instructional Calendar

This calendar shows how one teacher plans to teach ancient world history using the TCI program *History Alive! The Ancient World*. Modify these lesson plans to suit the needs of your students.

You'll notice that four days are set aside at the beginning of the year to establish a cooperative, tolerant classroom environment. This environment is essential to the success of the TCI curriculum.

Using the Model Instructional Calendar

1. *Refer to the model calendar as you create your own instructional calendar for the year. Be sure to account for your particular school holidays and adhere to pacing guidelines given by your school or district. As needed, coordinate your planning with history and social science teachers across the grades.*
2. *Consult your instructional calendar while doing your weekly and monthly planning. Determine what your focus should be for each week and make adjustments to account for unexpected changes.*
3. *To complete your weekly planning, refer to the Lesson Guide for details about the lesson you will be teaching. Review both to determine how you will introduce standards and content to your students.*



September

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 1 |
| 4 Labor Day | 5 Cooperative, Tolerant Classroom | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 11 School Pictures | 12 Geography Challenge 1 | 13 Chapter 1: Investigating the Past | 14 | 15 |
| 18 Chapter 2: Early Hominids | 19 | 20 | 21 Chapter 3: From Hunters and Gatherers to Farmers | 22 |
| 25 Chapter 3 (continued) | 26 | 27 | 28 Chapter 4: The Rise of Sumerian City-States | 29 |

October

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--------|
| 2 Chapter 4 (continued) | 3 | 4 | 5 Chapter 5: Was Ancient Sumer a Civilization? | 6 |
| 9 Staff Development | 10 Finish Chapter 5 | 11 Chapter 6: Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia | 12 | 13 |
| 16 Finish Chapter 6 | 17 Timeline Challenge 1 | 18 Geography Challenge 2 | 19 Chapter 7: Geography and the Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan | 20 |
| 23 Chapter 7 (cont) | 24 Chapter 8: The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 30 Finish Chapter 8 | 31 Start Chapter 9 | | | |

November

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | Chapter 9: Daily Life in Ancient Egypt | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Kush | | | | Veteran's Day |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Chapter 11: The Ancient Hebrews and the Origins of Judaism | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Chapter 12: The Struggle to Preserve Judaism | | | Thanksgiving | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Timeline Challenge 2 | Geography Challenge 3 | Chapter 13: Geography and the Early Settlement of India | | |

December

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 1 |
| | | | | Chapter 13 (continued) |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Finish Chapter 13 | Chapter 14: Unlocking the Secrets of Mohenjodaro | | | Start Chapter 15 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Chapter 15: Learning About Hindu Beliefs | | | | India Field Trip |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Winter Break | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Winter Break | | | | |

January

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 New Year's Day | 2 Chapter 16: The Story of Buddhism | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 Chapter 17: Buddhism and the First Unification of India | 9 | 10 | 11 Chapter 18: The Achievements of the Gupta Empire | 12 |
| 15 Martin Luther King's Birthday | 16 Chapter 18 (continued) | 17 | 18 | 19 Staff Development |
| 22 Timeline Challenge 3 | 23 Review for and Administer Benchmark Exam 1 | 24 | 25 Geography Challenge 4 | 26 Start Chapter 19 |
| 29 Chapter 19: Geography and the Early Settlement of China | 30 | 31 | | |

February

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | 1 Chapter 20: The Shang Dynasty | 2 |
| 5 Finish Chapter 20 | 6 Chapter 21: Three Chinese Philosophies | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 12 Finish Chapter 21 | 13 Chapter 22: The First Emperor of China | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 19 Finish Chapter 22 | 20 Chapter 23: The Han Dynasty | 21 | 22 | 23 President's Day |
| 26 Chapter 24: The Silk Road | 27 | 28 | | |

March

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | 1 Timeline Challenge 4 | 2 Geography Challenge 5 |
| 5 Chapter 25: Geography and the Settlement of Greece | 6 | 7 | 8 Chapter 26: The Rise of Democracy | 9 |
| 12 Chapter 26 (continued) | 13 | 14 Chapter 27: Life in Two City-States: Athens and Sparta | 15 | 16 |
| 19 Finish Chapter 27 | 20 Chapter 28: Fighting the Persian Wars | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 26 Chapter 29: The Golden Age of Athens | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

April

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 Chapter 30: Alexander the Great and His Empire | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 Spring Break | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 16 Chapter 31: The Legacy of Ancient Greece | 17 | 18 | 19 Timeline Challenge 5 | 20 Library: Department Research Project on Ancient Greece |
| 23 STAR Testing | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 30 STAR Testing | | | | |

May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 1 STAR Testing | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 Geography Challenge 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Chapter 32: Geography and the Early Development of Rome | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Chapter 33: The Rise of the Roman Republic | | | Chapter 34: From Republic to Empire | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Finish Chapter 34 | | Chapter 35: Daily Life in the Roman Empire | | |
| 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Chapter 36: The Origins and Spread of Christianity | | | | |

June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 1 Finish Chapter 36 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Chapter 37: The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World | | | Timeline Challenge 6 | Investigating Literature – Chapter 37 |
| 11 Investigating Literature – Chapter 37 | 12 Collect Books | 13 Sixth Grade Field Day | 14 Sixth Grade Field Trip | 15 School Year Ends |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |