**Classical Civilizations**

**Key Points Sheet**

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**Themes**

* Great kingdoms expanded their boundaries and extended their influence across vast areas of the ancient world.

**Enduring Understandings**

* Geography impacts the development and the diffusion of social, political, economic, and cultural ideas.
* Classical civilizations were influence by religions and philosophical beliefs and by the rule of law which helped to unify diverse groups.
* Stability and prosperity are factors which encouraged innovative ideas in math, science, and technology during classical civilizations.
* Political choices and decisions of groups or individuals have impacted society.
* There are common characteristics that may lead to the collapse of governments.

**Essential Questions**

* How does art, architecture, literature, music, and drama reflect the history of cultures in which they are produced?
* Which one of the classical civilizations had the most significant impact on math, science, and technology?
* Defend your choice.
* How does geography impact the development of legal and trade systems?
* Analyze the origins, development, and impact of legal systems.
* How do political and/or religious decisions impact each other?
* Compare the causes of the collapse of the Han China to current political and social issues.
* What impact can a single individual have on society?

**Key Terms**

* Indo European – Bantu assignment
* civil service
* INSPECT
* centralized government
* Persia
* assimilation
* Assyria
* Indo-Europeans
* Sennacherib
* migration
* Nineveh
* Hittites
* Ashurbanipal
* Aryans
* Medes
* Vedas
* Chaldeans
* caste
* Nebuchadnezzar
* languages
* Cyrus
* Bantu-speaking peoples
* Cambyses
* Darius
* satrap
* Royal Road
* Zoroaster
* Mauryan Empire
* Asoka
* Buddhism
* Hinduism
* Daoism
* Confucianism
* religious toleration
* Gupta Empire
* patriarchal
* matriarchal
* Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva
* silk roads
* Han dynasty
* Monopoly

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