

WORLD HISTORY - K LEVEL

DEVELOPMENT OF CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

KEY POINTS SHEET

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 influenced 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

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

KEY TERMS

INSPECT	Royal Road	Peloponnesian War	Hannibal
Justinian's Code	Zoroaster	philosophers	civil war
rule of law	Mycenaeans	Socrates	Julius Caesar
Persia	Trojan War	Plato	absolute ruler
Greece	Dorians	Aristotle	Augustus
democracy	Homer	Philip II	Pax Romana
oligarchy	epics	Macedonia	gladiator
republic	myths	Demosthenes	Maurian Empire
oligarchy	polis	Alexander the Great	Asoka
democratic-republican government	acropolis	Darius III	religious toleration
Assyria	monarchy	Hellenistic	Gupta Empire
Sennacherib	aristocracy	Alexandria	patriarchal
Nineveh	oligarchy	Euclid	matriarchal
Ashurbanipal	phalanx	Archimedes	Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva
Medes	tyrant	Colossus of Rhodes	silk roads
Chaldeans	helot	patrician	Han dynasty
Nebuchadnezzar	democracy	plebian	Centralized government
Cyrus	Persian Wars	tribune	Civil service
Cambyses	direct democracy	consul	monopoly
Darius	classical art	senate	assimilation
satrap	tragedy	dictator	
	comedy	legion	