

Ancient World

Agriculture
Indus Valley
Mesopotamia
Ancient Egypt

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ANCIENT HISTORY

AGRICULTURE, INDUS VALLEY, MESOPOTAMIA, AND ANCIENT EGYPT

ABOUT THIS PLAN:

We use video's by Crash Course and other online resources, the videos cover many topics and are about 10 minutes in length. You can learn a lot from these videos. My kids are young, but truly enjoy them. **WARNING - not all the videos are appropriate. They are meant for older teens and adults. I suggest you watch the videos first. I have added other resources to replace the videos that may not be appropriate.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Internet access
2. Computer/laptop
3. Worksheets - included
4. Quizzes - included
5. Minecraft (optional, but highly recommended)
6. Clay – oven bake
7. Beads
8. String or wire
9. Scissors
10. Clasps for jewelry
11. Gauze
12. Glue – Elmer's white glue
13. Strong White Cardboard Egyptian Sarcophagus Pencil Boxes for Children to Paint, Decorate & Personalize – from Amazon or you can make your own.

GRADE LEVEL:

1. Reading is mostly elementary and lower middle school.
2. Videos are upper middle school and high school.
3. Activities can be adjusted for all age groups.

WHERE TO FIND US:

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OBJECTIVES/TEACHING GUIDE/LESSON PLAN:

Please read through the entire lesson plan before starting.

VIDEOS

** Warning videos have some inappropriate content. Please watch before showing students. I recommend videos for Upper Middle School and High School students. You can skip the videos and only do the reading.

1. [The Agricultural Revolution](#) – “In which John Green investigates the dawn of human civilization. John looks into how people gave up hunting and gathering to become agriculturalists, and how that change has influenced the world we live in today. Also, there are some jokes about cheeseburgers.
2. [Indus Valley Civilization](#) – “In which John Green teaches you about the Indus Valley Civilization, one of the largest of the ancient civilizations. John teaches you the who, how, when, where and why of the Indus Valley Civilization.”
3. [Mesopotamia](#) – “In which John presents Mesopotamia, and the early civilizations that arose around the Fertile Crescent. Topics covered include the birth of territorial kingdoms, empires, Neo-Assyrian torture tactics, sacred marriages, ancient labor practices, the world's first law code.” *some inappropriate talk related to sex. You can skip this video and read about [Mesopotamia](#).*
4. [Ancient Egypt](#) – “In which John covers the long, long history of ancient Egypt, including the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms, and even a couple of intermediate periods. Learn about mummies, pharaohs, pyramids and the Nile with John Green.”

READING

Reading is appropriate for Elementary and Early Middle School students. The readings cover many topics, I have only listed a few.

1. [Development of Agriculture](#) – National Geographic
2. [Indus Valley Civilization](#) – using resources from Mr. Donn and/or [BBC](#).
 - Archaeologists discover the Ancient Indus Valley Civilization!
 - Daily Life in the Ancient Indus Valley
3. [Mesopotamia](#) - using resources from Mr. Donn
 - Geography
 - Agriculture
 - Government
 - Sumer
 - Babylon

- Assyria
- Trade & Commerce
- Cuneiform
- Ziggurats
- Hammurabi's Code

4. [Ancient Egypt](#) – using resources from Mr. Donn.

- Geography
- The Nile River
- The Two Lands and King Menes
- The Three Kingdoms
- Daily Life
- Sequence Chain: Mummification
- The Sphinx
- Pyramids
- King Tut's Tomb

ACTIVITIES:

For all activities, you can build the ancient villages in Minecraft. You can view our videos linked below. You can also purchase **texture packs** [HERE](#).

Note: If you do not have Minecraft or if Minecraft is not an option for your students I recommend the following:

- ❖ *Draw out the cities*
- ❖ *Make a diorama*
- ❖ **Teaching through objects:** The British Museum has a curriculum where you teach through objects. The objects and curriculum can be found [HERE](#).

At the end of the lesson take the Quiz. There are two quizzes. One based on the videos and one based on the reading.

1. How to create farmland in Minecraft:
 - a. Clear out an area near water
 - b. Plant crops; we read and used this [Tutorial](#)
 - c. Build pens and find animals to hold in pen
 - d. Build shelter
 - e. Harvest plant
 - f. Protect animals against predators
 - g. Add villagers to harvest the crop

1: Click on Picture to View Video



INDUS VALLEY

1. How to create the Indus Valley:
 - a. We used creative mode
 - b. Clear out an area to build
 - c. Build a bathhouse
 - d. Build shelter
 - e. Build toilets
 - f. Add villagers

2: Click on Image to View Video



2. Online Activities: Learn more about the Indus Valley, play games, and do some activities created by BBC Primary History page, link [HERE](#).
3. Play a **board game** with dice. People in the Indus Valley loved to play board games. You can take this activity further by making your own board game.
4. Make **jewelry**. The people of the Indus Valley made beautiful jewelry. They used gold, jade, hard stones, and beads.

For our bracelets, we used:

- I. Beads (we chose tan beads)
- II. Necklace wire or thread
- III. Clasp or just tie it at the ends (if using thread)
- IV. Scissors or something to cut wire
- V. Flat surface to layout beads before threading

3. Bracelets my kids made.



MESOPOTAMIA

1. How to create Mesopotamia
 - a. We used creative mode
 - b. Clear out an area or use previously built cities (Indus Valley) and make appropriate changes.
 - c. Build a Ziggurat or the hanging gardens.
 - d. Build shelter/village

4: Click on picture to view video



2. Learn More: The British Museum has a cool **interactive guide** to Mesopotamia. You can access the guide [HERE](#).
3. Write in Cuneiform with clay.
 - a. Translate what you want to write using a [translator](#).
 - b. you will need the following:
 - c. Oven bake clay – we purchased the “Scuplely Oven Bake Clay, Terra Cotta” from Amazon.
 - d. Stick or pencil to carve into the clay
 - e. Flatten the clay
 - f. Carve in your translation
 - g. Follow directions to harden clay.

Our clay tablet

5: Cute hands are rolling out the clay



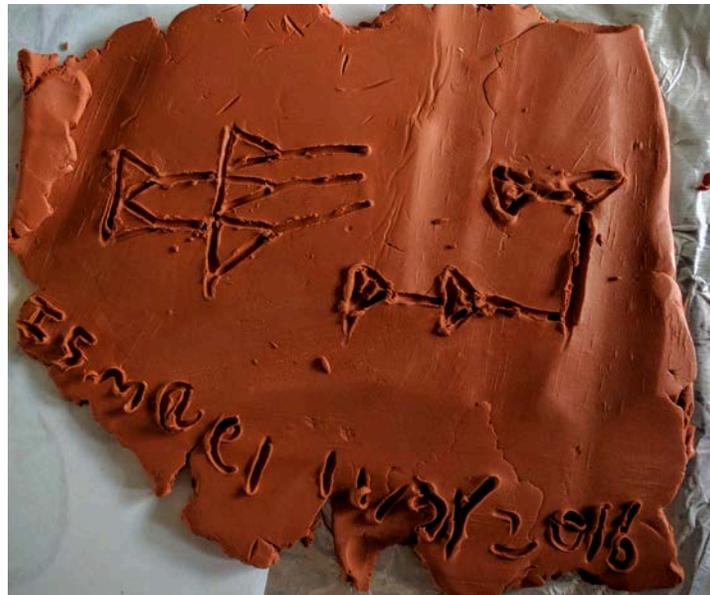
6: My son wrote out his initials
before carving into clay



7: Carving out initials in the clay



8: Initials carved out in clay.



EGYPT

1. Build Egypt in Minecraft. We skipped the Minecraft build for Egypt.
2. Make a pyramid using our [Pyramid \(Ancient Egypt\)](#)
3. Mummification process – click on picture to watch video or click [HERE](#)

9: Click on Picture to watch VIDEO



- a. Watch a short clip on the [mummification process](#).
- b. Watch our video (link in picture above)
 - i. Remove the brain through the nose.
 - ii. Remove organs and place into jars, add natron
 - iii. Put heart back
 - iv. Stuff body with natron
 - v. Put in bed of natron
 - vi. Pour tree resin on mummy/body
 - vii. Place in coffin or sarcophagus
- c. Organs – we downloaded ours from [freepik.com](#)
- d. Gauze
- e. Glue – Elmer’s white glue
- f. Strong Egyptian Sarcophagus– we purchased ours from Amazon (Craft-it. Egyptian Sarcophagus Pencil Case)
- g. A doll or make a paper/aluminum foil doll

WORKSHEETS:

1. Printable quiz (also on [Kahoot](#)) – I have based the questions on the videos. Feel free to add or remove questions from the quiz.
2. Quiz questions and answers
3. Pyramid – Ancient Egypt

OTHER LESSON PLANS:

1. Archeology and Early Humans
2. Math Lessons
3. Engineering Process
4. Bill of Rights

QUIZ -BASED ON VIDEOS

1. Why did agriculture happen?
2. Which types of plants were domesticated?
3. Which animals were domesticated 13,000-10,000 years ago?
4. What defines a civilization?
5. Where was the Indus Valley Civilization located?
6. What happened to the Indus Valley Civilization?
7. Which civilization started about 5000 years ago?
8. Where were, crops stored in Mesopotamia?
9. The city-state of Uruk was part of what civilization?
10. Mesopotamia existed around which rivers?

11. What were the temples in Uruk called?

12. Hammurabi ruled from _____ to _____?

13. Hammurabi created what?

14. The Egyptian Civilization lasted from _____ to _____?

15. Egyptian civilization existed along which river?

16. Name the 3 Kingdoms of Egyptian Civilization

17. The Pyramids of Giza were built during which Egyptian civilization?

18. Ra was the God of?

19. Which Egyptian Kingdom used Chariots?

20. Which Egyptian Kingdom expanded through trade?

QUIZ ANSWERS (BASED ON VIDEO)

Questions are from the Crash Course videos. I have added a few questions from the readings. Quiz question are also on [Kahoot](#).

1. Why did agriculture happen?
 - a. No one knows for sure. Some guesses: population pressure, necessitated agriculture, an accident, evolutionary desire.
2. Which types of plants were domesticated?
 - a. Wheat, barley, peas, (Near East Region).
 - b. Cereals and figs (Jordan/Syria).
 - c. Rice and millet (China).
 - d. Squash (Mexico).
3. Which animals were domesticated 13,000-10,000 years ago?
 - a. Cattle, goats, sheep, and pigs
4. What defines a civilization?
 - a. Surplus production of food
 - b. Cities
 - c. Trade
 - d. Social stratification
 - e. Centralized government
 - f. Shared values
 - g. Rivers (in the past)
5. Where was the Indus Valley Civilization located?
 - a. Between the Indus and Sarawati flood plain
6. What happened to the Indus Valley Civilization?
 - a. 1750 BCE declined. Guess: Conquest, environmental disaster, earthquake.
7. Which civilization started about 5000 years ago?
 - a. Mesopotamia
8. Where were, crops stored in Mesopotamia?
 - a. In public storehouses
9. The city-state of Uruk was part of which civilization?
 - a. Mesopotamia
10. Mesopotamia existed around which rivers?

- a. Tigris and Euphrates
11. What were the temples in Uruk called?
- a. Ziggurats
12. Hammurabi ruled from ____ to ____?
- a. 1792 BCE to 1750 BCE
13. Hammurabi created what?
- a. First law code
14. The Egyptian Civilization lasted from _____ to _____?
- a. 3000 BCE to 332 BCE.
15. Egyptian civilization existed along which river?
- a. The Nile
16. Name the 3 Kingdoms of Egyptian Civilization
- a. Old Kingdom - 2649 to 2152
 - b. Middle Kingdom - 2040 to 1640
 - c. New Kingdom - 1550-1070 BCE
17. The Pyramids of Giza were built during which Egyptian civilization?
- a. The Old Kingdom
18. Ra was the God of?
- a. The Sun and creation
19. Which Egyptian Kingdom used Chariots?
- a. Middle Kingdom - outsiders, Ammun God, merged to be Ammun Ra
20. Which Egyptian Kingdom expanded through trade?
- a. New Kingdom

QUIZ -BASED ON READINGS

1. Where is the Indus River located? _____.
2. The Sindhu-Sarasvati civilization was also known as the
_____.
3. A _____ keeps the land green and fertile for growing crops.
4. The Indus people needed river water to _____,
_____, and to _____ their fields.
5. When was the city Harappa discovered? _____
6. The people of Indus Valley used _____ pulled by Oxen to get
around.
7. Mesopotamia was in the _____ crescent.
8. Mesopotamia was located between the _____ and the
_____ rivers.
9. The three different laws in Mesopotamia were _____,
_____, and _____.
10. The first person to have laws written down on stone and clay tablets was
_____.

11. The longest river in the world is the _____.

12. The three kingdoms of Ancient Egypt were: _____,
_____, and _____.

13. What were steps taken for mummification? _____,
_____, _____,
_____.

14. The Sphinx was built _____ years ago?

15. Who was the creator god and setting sun? _____.

16. How old was Tutankhamen when he became Pharaoh? _____.

QUIZ ANSWERS (BASED ON READING)

1. Pakistan
2. Indus Valley
3. River
4. Drink, wash, irrigate
5. 1922
6. Wheeled carts
7. Fertile
8. Tigris and Euphrates
9. Sumerian, Babylonian, and Assyrian
10. King Hammurabi
11. Nile
12. Old, Middle, and New Kingdom
13. Ceremony, natron, 40 days, makeup, decorate, and mask.
14. About 4000 years ago
15. Atum
16. 9 years' old

PYRAMID (ANCIENT EGYPT)

Cut out shape and fold into a pyramid. Glue or tape tabs to hold pyramid together.

