

Model Instructional Calendar

This calendar shows how one teacher plans to teach ancient world history to California sixth graders, 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 chapter study guides in this booklet and 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
				1
4 Labor Day	5 Cooperative, Tolerant Classroom	6	7	8
11 School Pictures	12 Geography Challenge 1 (Standards 6.1, 6.2)	13 Chapter 1: Investigating the Past (Standard 6.1)	14	15
18 Chapter 2: Early Hominids (Standard 6.1)	19	20	21 Chapter 3: From Hunters and Gatherers to Farmers (Standards 6.1, 6.2)	22
25 Chapter 3 (continued)	26	27	28 Chapter 4: The Rise of Sumerian City-States (Standards 6.1, 6.2)	29

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chapter 4 (continued)	3	4	5 Chapter 5: Was Ancient Sumer a Civilization? (Standard 6.2)	6
9 Staff Development	10 Finish Chapter 5	11 Chapter 6: Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia (Standard 6.2)	12	13
16 Finish Chapter 6	17 Timeline Challenge 1 (Standards 6.1, 6.2)	18 Geography Challenge 2 (Standards 6.2, 6.3)	19 Chapter 7: Geography and the Early Settlement of Egypt, Kush, and Canaan	20
23 (Standards 6.2, 6.3)	24 Chapter 8: The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs (Standard 6.2)	25	26	27
30 Finish Chapter 8	31 Start Chapter 9			

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Chapter 9: Daily Life in Ancient Egypt (Standard 6.2)		
6	7	8	9	10
Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Kush (Standard 6.2)				Veteran's Day
13	14	15	16	17
Chapter 11: The Ancient Hebrews and the Origins of Judaism (Standard 6.3)				
20	21	22	23	24
Chapter 12: The Struggle to Preserve Judaism (Standards 6.3, 6.7)			Thanksgiving	
27	28	29	30	
Timeline Challenge 2 (Standards 6.2, 6.3)	Geography Challenge 3 (Standard 6.5)	Chapter 13: Geography and the Early Settlement of India (Standard 6.5)		

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				Chapter 13 (continued)
4	5	6	7	8
Finish Chapter 13	Chapter 14: Unlocking the Secrets of Mohenjodaro (Standard 6.5)			Start Chapter 15
11	12	13	14	15
Chapter 15: Learning About Hindu Beliefs (Standard 6.5)				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	3	4	5
	Chapter 16: The Story of Buddhism (Standard 6.5)			
8	9	10	11	12
Chapter 17: Buddhism and the First Unification of India (Standard 6.5)			Chapter 18: The Achievements of the Gupta Empire (Standard 6.5)	
15 Martin Luther King's Birthday	16	17	18	19 Staff Development
	Chapter 18 (continued)			
22 Timeline Challenge 3 (Standard 6.5)	23	24	25 Geography Challenge 4 (Standard 6.6)	26 Start Chapter 19
Review for and Administer Benchmark Exam 1				
29	30	31		
Chapter 19: Geography and the Early Settlement of China (Standard 6.6)				

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Chapter 20: The Shang Dynasty (Standard 6.6)	
5 Finish Chapter 20	6	7	8	9
	Chapter 21: Three Chinese Philosophies (Standard 6.6)			
12 Finish Chapter 21	13	14	15	16
	Chapter 22: The First Emperor of China (Standard 6.6)			
19 Finish Chapter 22	20	21	22	23 President's Day
	Chapter 23: The Han Dynasty (Standard 6.6)			
26	27	28		
Chapter 24: The Silk Road (Standard 6.6)				

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Timeline Challenge 4 (Standard 6.6)	2 Geography Challenge 5 (Standard 6.4)
5 Chapter 25: Geography and the Settlement of Greece (Standard 6.4)	6	7	8 Chapter 26: The Rise of Democracy (Standard 6.4)	9
12 Chapter 26 (continued)	13	14 Chapter 27: Life in Two City-States: Athens and Sparta (Standard 6.4)	15	16
19 Finish Chapter 27	20 Chapter 28: Fighting the Persian Wars (Standard 6.4)	21	22	23
26 Chapter 29: The Golden Age of Athens (Standard 6.4)	27	28	29	30

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chapter 30: Alexander the Great and His Empire (Standard 6.4)	3	4	5	6
9 Spring Break	10	11	12	13
16 Chapter 31: The Legacy of Ancient Greece (Standard 6.4)	17	18	19 Timeline Challenge 5 (Standard 6.4)	20 Library: Department Research Project on Ancient Greece
23 STAR Testing	24	25	26	27
30 STAR Testing				

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 STAR Testing	2	3	4
7 Geography Challenge 6 (Standard 6.7)	8	9	10	11
	Chapter 32: Geography and the Early Development of Rome (Standard 6.7)			
14	15	16	17	18
	Chapter 33: The Rise of the Roman Republic (Standard 6.7)		Chapter 34: From Republic to Empire (Standard 6.7)	
21	22	23	24	25
Finish Chapter 34		Chapter 35: Daily Life in the Roman Empire (Standard 6.7)		
28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	
	Chapter 36: The Origins and Spread of Christianity (Standard 6.7)			

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Finish Chapter 36
4	5	6	7	8
Chapter 37: The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World (Standard 6.7)			Timeline Challenge 6 (Standard 6.7)	Review for Benchmark Exam 2
11 Administer Benchmark Exam 2	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