



curriculum links

Grade 5:

- ◆ Heritage and Citizenship:
Early Civilizations



overview

At this activity centre, students will listen to Joe Paquette discuss the role of water and the natural environment in selected First Nations cultures in Canada. Students will listen to some of the history and legacy of the First Nations peoples and the importance of the natural environment to their various cultural beliefs and practices.

grade 5 expectations

Social Studies

Heritage and Citizenship: Early Civilizations

Overall Expectations

- ◆ identify and compare the ways in which people in various early civilizations met their physical and social needs, including how they interacted with and used the natural environment;
- ◆ use a variety of resources and tools to investigate characteristics of a number of early civilizations, including their significant innovations and technological advances;
- ◆ show how innovations made by various early civilizations have influenced the modern world.



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Specific Expectations

Knowledge and Understanding

- ◆ identify major early civilizations;
- ◆ describe the physical features and climate of regions where early civilizations developed;
- ◆ explain how early civilizations shaped and used the environment to meet their physical needs for food, homes, clothing, and health;
- ◆ identify important values and beliefs in early civilizations and describe how they affected daily life;
- ◆ outline how social needs were met in early civilizations;
- ◆ identify some scientific and technological advances made by early civilizations;
- ◆ identify and compare the distinguishing features of early civilizations.

Inquiry/Research and Communication Skills

- ◆ formulate questions to develop a research focus;
- ◆ use primary and secondary sources to locate information about early civilizations;
- ◆ use appropriate vocabulary to describe their inquiries and observations.

Application

- ◆ make connections between some elements of modern life and similar elements from early civilizations.

key terms

First Nations: Refers to the ‘first peoples’ who were living in North America prior to the arrival of the European colonists.

Ongwehonwe: From the Seneca language, meaning the “real or original people” in reference to themselves and other Iroquoian Peoples.

Haudenosaunee: The people name “Iroquoian” by the French, means “People of the Longhouse” and is this people’s own name for those who belong to the Iroquoian Confederacy.



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Anishinabeg: from the Ojibwa language meaning “the people” and referring to themselves.

Natural Resources: A material substance found in nature that is valuable to humans.

Native: Being the place or environment in which a person was born or a thing came into being: *one's native land*.

