

# Ancient and Medieval History Online



## Educator's Guide

***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** provides thorough coverage of world history from prehistory through the 1500s, with special *Topic Centers* on key civilizations and regions, including the ancient Near East, Egypt, Greece, and Rome; ancient and medieval Africa, Asia, and the Americas; and medieval Europe and the Islamic World. Each civilization's history is brought to life through tablet/mobile-friendly videos and slideshows, primary sources, maps and graphs, timelines, suggested readings, and suggested search terms.



***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** offers educators, students, and researchers an essential library of world history through the 1500s. Comprehensive coverage on key civilizations, with great visuals to help students understand the world as it was during this time.

***Ancient and Medieval History*** is a great starting point for research, and learning about people and cultures around the world. This resource will help students to:

- ✓ read and learn about key civilizations up through the 1500s
- ✓ understand historic events in context
- ✓ discuss key events with basic timeline of knowledge
- ✓ analyze primary sources
- ✓ utilize critical thinking skills in hypothesizing about different outcome of events
- ✓ examine maps, graphs, charts and images

### **Content:**

The award-winning ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** database provides a wealth of information on early civilizations that helped shape the world as we know it today. ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** is a comprehensive resource with content handpicked by our editors, and organized in a way that is logical for research and fact finding. Take students on a visual field trip with videos that bring the cultures, customs and traditions into the classroom. Understand the history of these ancient worlds with articles written especially with students in mind. Use maps to explore and discover the areas of the earliest centers of civilizations, trace the Celts through Europe and understand the Rise of Trade in Western Europe, and more! Students and researchers will appreciate the history behind these cultures, as they dive deep into the amazing content in this database.



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### Highlights and features include:

- Intuitive home page providing quick access to key subject areas
- **Sources** include: more than 28,158 articles; 453+ primary sources; 1,434+ images; 3,220 video clips; 3,319 events from timelines, and more!
- Focused **Topic Centers** provide specially selected content on each civilization—including articles, shareable slideshows, videos, primary sources, and more – providing a solid foundation point for starting research.
- **Videos and Slideshows** offer a visual introduction to key topics and themes. SMART Board-friendly, they make a great presentation focusing on a specific time period.
- In-depth **overview essays** on relevant historical topics
- **Key People** recognizes Notable Archaeologists, Famous Philosophers, Famous Roman Emperors, Notable Ancient Writers, Great Military Leaders, Important Pharaohs and Queens of Egypt, and more!
- **Key Primary Sources** include Religious Texts, Works of Literature, Legal Codes and Constitutions, and Speeches during this time period.
- **Key Maps and Graphs** help researchers explore *Ancient Sites and Cultures; Empires and Rulers, Rebellions and Revolutions, and Religions*
- **Search by standards-** Common Core, state, national, provincial, AP, and International Baccalaureate Organization standards to find correlating articles
- **Access** to this database is 24/7/365 days (internet access needed)
- **Persistent record links**
- **Read Aloud feature** allows students to listen as articles are read; perfect for ESL students or challenged readers
- **Translation tools for 80+ languages**
- **Dynamic citations in MLA and CMS formats**, with **EasyBib** export functionality
- Convenient **A-to-Z topic lists**
- Searchable **“Support Center”** provides helpful articles, video tutorials, and live help chat for database
- Located on the home page, under the **“Curriculum Tools”** tab, **“Tools for Educators”** and **“Tools for Students”** provide helpful information for students and educators using this resource: **Tools for Educators** include: Preventing Plagiarism and Using Editorial Cartoons  
**Tools for Students** include: Analyzing Editorial Cartoons; Analyzing Primary Sources; Avoiding Plagiarism; Citing Sources; Completing a Primary Source Worksheet; Evaluating Online Sources; and Writing a Research Paper



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- Ability to **set preferences** at Admin level for default language, citation format, and standards for correlations

### Special Features:

**Topic Centers** help students, researchers and educators by providing a list of subjects or themes within a specific topic(s). Each topic center includes: Suggested Readings, Video and Slideshows, Primary Source Documents, Maps and Charts, and Timelines. Topic Centers help to focus on key information associated with the civilization studied. Topic Center subject areas are as follows:

*Ancient and Medieval Africa*  
*Ancient Near East*  
*Ancient and Medieval Asia*  
*Ancient Rome*  
*Islamic World*

*Ancient Egypt*  
*Ancient Greece*  
*The Americas*  
*Medieval Europe*

### Some features you shouldn't miss...

- **Videos and Slideshows** located on the home page, provide short clips and presentations of some very important events and interesting cultures in ***Ancient and Medieval History Online***. Use these videos and slideshows as a strong visual introduction into a lesson on a specific time period.
- **"Curriculum Tools"** located on the home page provide tools for students and educators from everything from writing a research paper to analyzing primary sources to citing sources and preventing plagiarism.
- Located on the home page under **"Resources"** – Topics A-Z is a great place to send students looking for a research topic. Hundreds of terms to choose from and use as a starting point for selecting a topic.

### Projects and Ideas for Educators – using *Ancient and Medieval History Online*:

***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** offers students engaging content to use in research papers and/or projects. Here are a few projects where using ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** will encourage learning and strengthen skills.

#### **Compare and Contrast...**

- ✓ Using **"Topic Centers"** located on the home page, have students compare and contrast two ancient civilizations during the same time period, (i.e. Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome). Have students make a chart, use a Venn diagram or list similarities and differences. Ask them to share their findings.
- ✓ Under **"Key People"** on the home page, have students compare and contrast two – four philosophers that lived during the same period. How were their views different? How were they similar? What world events that occurred during the time they lived may have helped them to form or shape their opinions?

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- ✓ Using ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** ask students to research, then compare and contrast the art and sculpture of this time period in various parts of the world. Ask them to choose a few works or pieces and write a short paragraph on the piece and discuss its symbolic nature. Art forms in this time period included paintings, sculpture, mosaics, metalwork, weaving and more!

### Create...

- ✓ Using the search box on the home page of ***Ancient and Medieval History Online***, ask students to type in "Ancient Greece", "Ancient Rome", or "Ancient Egypt. Your search will yield results with several tabs/categories: *Articles, Primary Sources, Images, Videos* and *News*. Direct students to click on the "News" tab and using a few of the stories, create a one-page newsletter/newspaper using modern news about ancient times.
- ✓ Using the Topic Centers in ***Ancient and Medieval History Online***, ask students to choose one of the Topic Centers and create a poster that highlights key people, events, documents, etc.... about that particular subject or "topic" chosen. Use the maps, charts, and timelines provided within each center.

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### Critical Thinking and Discussion...

- ✓ Religion played a key role in the development of ancient and medieval cultures. Using ***Ancient and Medieval History Online***, ask students to research various religions of some of the ancient civilizations. Divide the class in groups, and assign a specific religion, during a specific time period, to each group. Give students/groups a few days to conduct research using ***Ancient and Medieval History Online***. After research is complete, ask each group to present their findings. Discuss the various religions and how these religions shaped the ancient and medieval cultures.
- ✓ Found on the home page, the "Key People" section in ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** provides some interesting and thought-provoking articles on some of the most famous and influential people who lived during the ancient and medieval time period. Choose one of these "key people" and start a conversation with your students about the person and the role they played in the society and time in which they lived.
- ✓ Many of the videos and video clips found in ***Ancient and Medieval History Online*** can serve as a good introduction to a lesson or theme. Videos and video clips offer students a visual learning experience. View a clip at a time, discuss it or assign it for viewing at home. For a complete list of the video clips please click on the "Resources" Tab on the home page, click on "Videos" and see approximately 2,600 video clips on various "Ancient and Medieval History" subjects.



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### Visual Learning- How effective are databases and video in learning?

Online resources are a great way to promote and improve learning. They help to stimulate the thought process and allow students to understand a concept, idea or process, with visual input. Did you know...?

- ✓ Approximately 65 % of the population are visual learners
- ✓ The brain processes visual information 60,000 times faster than text.
- ✓ 90% of information that comes to the brain is visual.
- ✓ Visual aids in the classroom improve learning by up to 400%.
- ✓ A stimulating environment for a child can make the difference between a 25% greater ability to learn or 25% less in an environment with little stimulation.

### Education Standards

*Ancient and Medieval History Online* offers a "Search by Standards" tool which includes U.S. National Standards, State Standards, Common Core State Standards, AP Standards, and more. Educators can choose subject area and grade level. General uses for this resource in regards to educational standards include:

- ✓ Comprehension of text and context
- ✓ Critiquing and analyzing documents
- ✓ Critical thinking skills
- ✓ Using timelines
- ✓ Evaluating information and rewriting it one's own words
- ✓ Building vocabulary, understand key terms
- ✓ Understanding a topic or event
- ✓ Comparing and contrasting information from different sources and articles
- ✓ Citing resources

### Your Feedback ...Please!

Your feedback is important to us. Tell us how you like *Ancient and Medieval History Online* and share with us the ways you integrate this resource into your lessons. We love to hear your feedback—positive or negative.

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