

6th Grade Social Studies Checklist

- 6.1: I can describe the early physical and cultural development of humankind.
- 6.1.1: I can describe the hunter-gatherer societies. I can talk about how early tools were created and the use of fire.
- 6.1.2: I can find the location of the major early human communities of the world. I can describe how early humans adapted to their environments.
- 6.1.3: I can talk about the factors that led to farming, domesticating animals, and changes in clothing and shelter.
- 6.2: I can compare different aspects of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Kush.
- 6.2.1: I can find the locations of the major river systems. I can explain how these river systems contributed to settlements in early civilizations.
- 6.2.2: I can explain how new agricultural techniques contributed to the emergence of cities.
- 6.2.3: I can describe the role that religion played in developing social and political order in Mesopotamia and Egypt.
- 6.2.4: I can tell you why Hammurabi's Code was important.
- 6.2.5: I can describe the main features of Egyptian art and architecture.
- 6.2.6: I can describe the role of Egyptian trade in the eastern Mediterranean and Nile Valley.
- 6.2.7: I can tell you why Queen Hatshepsut and Ramses the Great were important.
- 6.2.8: I can find the location of the Kush civilization. I can describe the relationship between the Kush and Egyptian civilizations.
- 6.2.9: I can discuss early languages and how they changed.
- 6.3: I can tell you about Ancient Hebrew society.
- 6.3.1: I can discuss why the development of Judaism was significant.
- 6.3.2: I can tell you about the central beliefs of Judaism. I can identify the sources of the ethical teachings of Judaism. I can describe how ideas and traditions of ancient Hebrews are reflected in the moral and ethical traditions of Western civilization.
- 6.3.3: I can discuss key figures in the Jewish religion including: Abraham, Moses, Naomi, Ruth, David, and Yohanan ben Zaccai.
- 6.3.4: I can locate the settlements and movements of the Hebrew people. I can explain why the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt was significant.
- 6.3.5: I can tell you how Judaism was able to survive as followers of the religion dispersed from Jerusalem and Israel after the destruction of the second Temple in A.D. 70.
- 6.4: I can tell you about the early civilizations of Ancient Greece.
- 6.4.1: I can discuss the connection between geography and the development of city-state in the region of the Aegean Sea.
- 6.4.2: I can discuss the transitions to different forms of government in Ancient Greece.

- 6.4.3: I can tell you about the key differences between direct democracy and representative democracy.
- 6.4.4: I can explain the significance of Greek mythology to the everyday life of the people in the region. I can tell you about the importance of Greek literature in our society today.
- 6.4.5: I can describe the founding and growth of Persian Empire.
- 6.4.6: I can discuss similarities and differences between Athens and Sparta. I can explain their roles in the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars.
- 6.4.7: I can describe the rise of Alexander the Great and the spread of Greek culture eastward and into Egypt.
- 6.4.8: I can tell you about the contributions of important Greek figures in the arts and sciences.
- 6.5: I can tell you about the early civilizations of India.
- 6.5.1: I can find the locations of the major river systems. I can explain how these river systems contributed to settlements in early civilizations of India.
- 6.5.2: I can discuss the significance of the Aryan invasions.
- 6.5.3: I can explain the major beliefs and practices in Brahmanism. I can tell you how the evolved into early Hinduism.
- 6.5.4: I can describe the caste system.
- 6.5.5: I can tell you about the life and moral teachings of Buddha. I can describe the spread of Buddhism.
- 6.5.6: I can describe the growth of the Maurya empire. I can describe the achievements of emperor Asoka.
- 6.5.7: I can discuss the major contributions of the early civilizations of India.
- 6.6: I can tell you about the early civilizations of China.
- 6.6.1: I can locate and describe the origins of Chinese civilization in the Huang-He Valley during the Shang Dynasty.
- 6.6.2: I can tell you how the geographic features of China isolated regions from each other and from the rest of the world.
- 6.6.3: I can tell you about the life and moral teachings of Confucius. I can discuss key ideas in Confucianism and Taoism.
- 6.6.4: I can tell you about the problems that Confucius wanted to solve.
- 6.6.5: I can tell you about the achievements of the emperor Shi Huangdi of the Qin Dynasty.
- 6.6.6: I can discuss the contributions of the Han Dynasty.
- 6.6.7: I can tell you why the "silk roads" were significant during the Han Dynasty and Roman Empire.
- 6.6.8: I can describe the diffusion of Buddhism during the Han Dynasty.
- 6.7: I can tell you about the development of Rome.
- 6.7.1: I can discuss the rise of the Roman Republic. I can find the location of the Roman Republic. I can discuss key figures in the rise of the Roman Republic.

- 6.7.2: I can describe the government of the Roman Republic.
- 6.7.3: I can discuss the key reasons for the growth of Roman territories and expansion of the empire.
- 6.7.4: I can tell you how Julius Caesar and Augustus influenced Rome's transition from republic to empire.
- 6.7.5: I can tell you about the struggles of the Jewish people around the Mediterranean region.
- 6.7.6: I can discuss origins of Christianity. I can talk about the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and the contributions of St. Paul the Apostle.
- 6.7.7: I can discuss the spread of Christianity in Europe and other Roman territories.
- 6.7.8: I can discuss the contributions of Roman society.