Civilizations – Communal Note

Grade 8 Social Studies

1. Arts and Culture
   1. Visual arts (painting, sculpture, carving)
   2. Clothing
   3. Dancing
   4. Food
   5. Literature (fiction, non-fiction, poetry)
   6. Music (instruments, singing)
   7. Film and television
   8. Architecture
2. Organized religion
   1. Historical and current examples – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, Paganism, Sikhism
   2. Places of worship – churches, mosques
   3. God(s), goddess(es)
   4. System of beliefs
   5. Creation story
   6. Holy books (The Bible – New and Old Testaments, Qur’an, Torah, Talmud, Tao-te-ching, Upanishads, Veda, Tripitakas, Bhagavad Ghita, The Five Classics
   7. Prophets/ important figures – Jesus Christ, Muhammed, Confucius, Buddha, priests, shamans)
   8. Ceremonies (going to church)
   9. Rituals (prayer, baptism, confirmation, confession, communion, yoga, chanting, meditation, holidays
   10. Beliefs and moral code
3. Transfer of knowledge
   1. Informal vs. formal
   2. School
   3. Teachers
   4. Elders
   5. Stories
   6. Language – oral, written, watching, doing
   7. Travelling
   8. Information storage (libraries, internet)
   9. Mathematics
4. Public works
   1. Drinking/ wash water
   2. Power (wind, hydro, fossil fuels)
   3. Sewage
   4. Public transportation
   5. Roads (development, maintenance, bridges)
   6. Garbage (compost, plastic, other)
5. Social structure
   1. Norms
   2. Family structure
   3. Clans
   4. Lineage (patrilineal vs. matrilineal)
   5. Gatherings
   6. Friendship
   7. Community
   8. Child care
   9. Jobs
6. Technological innovation
   1. Science
   2. Electricity
   3. Electronics
   4. Transportation (footwear, horses, the wheel, carts, boats, cars, trucks, trains, airplanes)
   5. Cooking (utensils, pots, baskets)
   6. Communication (dye, pencils, paper, computers, telephone, telegraph, television, computers, internet)
7. Centralized government
   1. Laws
   2. Police
   3. Army/ military
   4. Rulers (dictators, presidents, prime ministers, monarchy – kings, queens, nobility)
   5. Democracy
   6. Taxes
   7. Anarchy
   8. Local, regional, national
8. Organized commerce
   1. Markets (open air, stores, shopping malls)
   2. Banks
   3. Currency – gold, money
   4. Trade
   5. Goods vs. services
   6. Stock market
   7. Transportation
   8. Middle-men/ women
   9. Entrepreneurs