

Subject: VCE Ancient History		
Unit: 1 Ancient Mesopotamia		
Week	Area of Study	Learning Focus
Headstart:	AOS 1: Discovering civilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to VCE History and Ancient Mesopotamia • Understanding sources in Ancient history and how archaeologists reconstruct the past
1	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the importance of Mesopotamia • Explaining how agriculture arose in Mesopotamia
2	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the emergence of cities, irrigation and the movement away from hunter-gather society. • Investigating the oasis, nuclear zone and population pressure hypotheses.
3	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing where the first cities of Mesopotamia were and why.
4	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the origins of writing • Discussing and applying the Shmandt-Berrerart theory of the evolution of writing.
5	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing and discussing the structure of society during the early dynastic periods of Southern Mesopotamia.
6	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the Epic of Gilgamesh to gain and insight into the political structure and world view of Mesopotamia
7	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding who the Akkadians and the members of the 3rd Dynasty of Ur were
8	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating the Epic of the King of Battle and the Chronicle of Kings to understand the structure of the Akkadian Empire
9	AOS 2: Ancient Empires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the rise of the Babylonian dynasty under the Hammurabi
10	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysing the evidence of Mari (harem texts) to understand the relationships between the ruling Kings of the city states
11	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the structure and laws of Babylonian society using the Laws of Hammurabi
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13	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the impact of the power vacuum that followed the end of the Babylonian dynasty • Discussing the rise of Assyria on the upper Tigris river
14	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding what made the Assyrian empire so powerful and well-organised
15	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the changes in the structure of Assyrian society that helped the kings maintain power
16	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding who the Sargonoid Kings were and how they conquered the North-western Mesopotamia
17	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining the reasons why the Assyrian empire fell
18	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the key developments of the people of Mesopotamia in Astronomy, measurement of time and medicine
19	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Mid-year exams
20	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions to Unit 2-Ancient Egypt • Discussing key vocabulary associated with the Area of Study

Subject: VCE Ancient History**Unit: 2 Ancient Egypt**

Week	Area of Study	Learning Focus
1	AOS 1: Egypt- The Double Crown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing Unit 2- Ancient Egypt• Discussing the physical environment of Egypt
2	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the importance of the Nile for agriculture, transport and human settlement• Explaining the meaning of the double crown and what it represents
3	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding patterns of settlement along the Nile river• Identifying the regions of Old kingdom Egypt
4	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysing the Narmer palette and the city of Heirakonpolis as evidence for understanding the unification of Egypt
5	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the political, social, religious and economic structures of Old Kingdom Egypt
6	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explaining key roles of individuals within the social structure and hierarchy
7	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing the absolute and theocratic nature of Egyptian Kingship• Understanding the significance of the Pyramids
8	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of the location, construction and size of important examples of Pyramids during the Old Kingdom
9	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the Pyramids and the Pyramid texts as sources of the ruler's prestige and beliefs concerning the afterlife.
10	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing the causes and consequences of the demise of centralised power and unified state in the Old Kingdom.• Understanding the continuities and changes in the first intermediate period.
11	AOS 2: Middle Kingdom Egypt- Power and propaganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing the architecture of Mentuhotep II's funerary complex at Deir-el-Bahri• Understanding the religious and political reasons underpinning its construction
12	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysing representations of the power of king in the complex• Discussing the implication with respect to border control, and economic and trade implications of the fortress of Buhen in Nubia.
13	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the prophesy of Neferti• Comparing the perspectives on authority expressed through representations of the power of King Amenemhet I in The Prophecy of Neferti,
14	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the Story of Sinhue and the Instructions to Amenemhet.• Analysing the material record at Beni Hasan, burial ground for governors of the Middle Kingdom.
15	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describing the social, economic and political features of Avaris, Delta capital of the Hyksos foreign rulers who had taken up Egyptian beliefs and practices and formed the Fifteenth Dynasty;• Evaluating the views of the Seventeenth Dynasty which held power in Upper Egypt during the same period.
16	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explaining the defeat of Hyksos by the Seventeenth Dynasty.
17	AOS 2	Yr 11 Exams
18	AOS 2	Year 12 Headstart