

Year 7 Mandatory History

Investigating the Ancient Past

Students learn the skills that are the basis of historical investigation and archaeology. They apply these skills to examine an historical controversy or mystery, such as Otzi the Ice Man. Students also study a variety of sources for ancient Australia, including animal and human remains, tools, middens, art and sites related to the Dreaming. A significant focus of study in this topic is the preservation and conservation of archaeological sites and human remains, as well as the importance of cultural heritage.

The Mediterranean World

Students study ancient Egypt's geographical setting, its government, the everyday life of different social groups, and significant beliefs and practices. Possible focus features could include warfare, death and funerary customs, or contact with other societies. Students also examine famous historical sites and the role of a significant individual such as Hatshepsut or Ramses II.

The Asian World

Students explore the society of ancient India, studying how geographical features shaped the civilisations that developed in the region. They examine the role of different social groups, government, everyday life, warfare, trade, and religious beliefs and practices. Significant individuals are also investigated, including Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka.