

Spindle Point Primary School — History Knowledge Organiser: Year 4 (Summer)

Which Ancient Civilisations can you discuss?

Ancient civilizations have played a significant role in shaping the course of human history. Hence studying them offers numerous benefits to our understanding of ourselves, human history, our culture and our evolution.



Ancient civilisations offer critical lessons on values, universal virtues, morality, and ethics. They shed light on the cultures of honour, valour, wisdom, love, courage, and humanity that have guided human life over centuries, emphasising their importance in our lives even today. Ancient civilizations such as the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Indus Valley, Mesopotamians, Incas, Mayas, and Aztecs, laid the cornerstone for modern society through their advancements in arts, science, architecture, politics, and social organisation.

Key Vocabulary

- Dynasty: a line of hereditary rulers of a country.
- Generations: all of the people born and living at about the same

Significant Places

- Ancient Sumer, The Indus Valley, and The Shang Dynasty are some of the earliest civilisations known in society

The Indus Valley (3300 BCE—1300 BCE)



Ancient Sumer (5300 BCE—1940)

The Shang Dynasty (1600 BCE—1046 BCE)

