



History Benchmark Achievements Senior History – Ancient World History

Ages 12+

Objectives at this age:

Organize historical events and personalities into an “anchor-date” timeline.

Create an “anchor-date” binder organized by the 10 key dates, personalities, and events in Ancient World History. The binder should include the following:

- Divider tabs for each anchor date
- Key personalities and events for each anchor date
- Detailed map of the region referred to with the stories, events and personalities of each anchor date
- Combination of student-created stories, narratives, essays, and research papers associated with the anchor date

Upon completion of the binder, students will have identified and recorded a minimum of 40 facts for each hook date. Please note that reports, essays, stories and maps will easily include multiple facts.

Hook Dates, Personalities, and Key Events for students to consider for their history binder:

4000 BC: Key Personalities – Adam and Eve; Cain and Abel

Key Events – The Creation; First families established

For student research and study:

- Account of the Creation from the Torah
- Biblical account of the Creation
- The beginning of a great human adventure
- Birth of Cain and Abel
- The curse of Cain
- The birth of Seth
- The “beginning”
- The face of the “deep”
- Our solar system
- The Garden of Eden
- The Serpent
- The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

- The Tree of Live
- The Fall
- Offerings
- The Land of Nod
- The Generations of Adam: Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Enoch, Jared, Methuselah
- The Generations of Cain: Enoch, Irad, Mehujael, Methusael, Lamech, Jabal (tents), Jubal (harp and organ), Tubalcain (brass & iron)
- The word “slay”

2344 B.C.: Key Personalities – Noah, Sons of Noah
Key Events – The Flood; Preserving the Race

For student research and study:

- Noah
- The birth of Japheth, Shem, and Ham
- Giants
- Corruption of the earth
- Violence
- The building of the Ark
- Gopher Wood
- Cubit
- Covenant
- Animals by twos
- Animals by sevens
- Clean beasts
- The great flood
- Mount Ararat
- Raven
- Dove
- Offerings on the altar
- Establishment of seasons
- Capital punishment
- Token
- Rainbow
- Lamech

- Peleg—dividing of the land
- Nimrod
- Origin of the Heathen religions
- Settling of man throughout the world
- Country of Chaldea (beginnings, ancient boundaries, modern boundaries)
- Country of Egypt (beginnings, ancient boundaries, modern boundaries)
- Country of Canaan (beginning, ancient boundaries, modern boundaries)
- China
- Greece
- Phoenicians
- The people of Melchizedek in the Land of Salem

2000 B.C.: Key Personalities – Abraham; Isaac

Key Events – Offering of Isaac; Preserving the Birthright

For student research and study:

- Abraham and Lot
- The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
- The birth of Isaac
- Abraham’s trial of faith
- Abraham seeks a wife for Isaac
- Rebekah
- Isaac becomes the father of two nations
- Melchizedek
- Salem
- Sarai (Sarah)
- The Land of Canaan
- Slime pits of Siddim
- Hagar
- Ishmael
- The Pharaohs of Egypt
- The beginnings of European civilizations
- The Indus Valley Civilization
- Jacob
- Esau

- Leah
- Rachel
- 12 sons of Jacob
- Israel
- Egyptian pyramids
- Math and Science in Egypt

1500 B.C.: Key Personalities – Moses

Key Events – A Deliverer is born, The Exodus

For student research and study:

- Moses – the miracle baby of the Nile
- Moses becomes the crown prince of Egypt
- Moses becomes the humble shepherd
- Moses meets Jethro
- Moses and Aaron face the new Pharaoh
- The Ten Plagues of Egypt
- The Passover
- Ten Commandments
- Miracles in the Desert
- The Promised Land
- Joshua
- Miriam
- Jethro
- Establishment of Judges
- The Tabernacle
- The Law of Moses
- Egyptian Mythology
- Mummifying
- Pyramids of Egypt
- King Tut
- Laws of Hammurabi
- Caleb

1000 B.C.: Key Personalities – David and Solomon; Elijah & Elisha
Key Events – Building the Temple; Israel shuns the Prophets

For student research and study:

- The rise of David
- David and Goliath
- The death of David and the rise of Solomon
- Solomon builds the great temple
- The Prophet Elijah
- The translation of Elijah, the Prophet
- The ministry of Elisha
- Samson
- Samuel
- Eli
- Saul
- Jonathan
- Abner
- Bath-sheba
- Ark of the Covenant
- Molten Sea and 12 Oxen
- Solomon's successes in Israel
- The Queen of Sheba
- Jeroboam
- Rehoboam
- Nathan
- Miracles of Elijah
- Ahab & Jezebel
- Baal worship
- Jehoshaphat
- Miracles of Elisha
- King Jehu
- China's Chou Dynasty
- India
- Athens & Sparta
- Ruth
- Hinduism

721 B.C.: Key Personalities – Hezekiah and Hosea; Isaiah

Key Events – Ten Tribes captured; The redemption of Israel

For student research and study:

- Hezekiah, Israel's righteous King
- The assault of Assyria on Judah
- The ministry of the Prophet Hosea
- The collapse of the Northern Kingdom
- The 10 tribes are conquered and led off to Assyria
- Ahaz
- How the Kingdoms became divided
- Ten tribes captured by Shalmaneser
- Sennacherib, King of Syria
- Hezekiah's Miraculous Healing
- The Miracle of the Sundial
- King Manasseh, Son of Hezekiah
- King Josiah
- Micah
- China's Eastern Chou Dynasty
- Olympic games in Greece
- The Iron Age in Europe
- The Ancient Etruscan Alphabet (pre-Roman)
- Isaiah

600 B.C.: Key Personalities – Daniel and Ezekiel

Key Events – The Babylonian Empire; The Fall of Babylon

For student research and study:

- The Prophet Daniel
- King of Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar
- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
- King Cyrus of Persia
- Destruction of Jerusalem
- King Zedekiah
- Fall of Judah

- Jonah
- City of Nineveh
- Homer
- The Iliad and Odyssey
- Development of Greek Mythology
- Obadiah
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Nahum
- Confucius
- Fall of Assyria
- Battle of Armageddon in Prophecy
- New temple in Jerusalem
- Iron
- Bronze
- Calendars
- Ezekiel: Prophet of the Captivity
- Jeremiah

450 B.C.: Key Personalities – Ezra, Esther, and Nehemiah

Key Events – The Rebuilding of Jerusalem; The Jews are Saved

For student research and study:

- The rebuilding of Jerusalem
- Rebuilding the temple
- Zerubbabel
- Nehemiah
- Darius
- King Ahasuerus (Xerxes)
- Queen Esther
- King Cyrus
- Persia
- Hippocrates
- The development of medicine
- Plato
- Alexander the Great

- Job
- Nehemiah
- Dedication of Jerusalem by Ezra and Nehemiah
- Talmud
- Artaxerxes I
- Synagogue
- Tobiah, the Ammonite
- Job
- Zechariah
- Malachi
- Haggai
- Socrates
- Great Wall of China
- Seven Wonders of the World
- The Rise of Greece
- Cuneiform
- Buddha
- Mordecai
- Vashti
- Haman
- Feast of the Tabernacles
- The Parthenon

165 B.C.: Key Personalities – Judas Maccabaeus and Cicero
Key Events – Jews Win Freedom; The Fall of Greece

For student research and study:

- The revolt of the Maccabees
- The story of Hanukkah – Festival of Lights
- Antiochus Epiphanes
- Mattathias
- The Maccabean overtures to Rome
- Dedication of the Temple
- Star of David
- Menorah
- Ptolemy
- John Hyreanus
- Han Dynasty of China
- The Great Wall of China
- Greek History – Roman Conquest
- Greek Culture
- Cicero
- Cicero’s fundamental principles
- Seleucids
- Scribes
- Essenes
- Pharisees
- Sadducees
- Antiochus the Great
- Trade Routes
- Roman Empire

63 B.C.: Key Personalities – Pompey and Julius Caesar

Key Events – Romans in Jerusalem; The Rise of Rome

For student research and study:

- The rise of Rome – The Iron Kingdom in Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream
- Pompey
- Rome
- Julius Caesar
- Cleopatra
- Mark Antony
- Antipater

- Herod the Great
- Principles of Government
- Roman Numerals
- Zealots
- Herodians
- Augustas Caesar
- Sanhedrin
- Roman Mythology
- Europe under Rome
- Ruler's Law vs People's Law