

SOCIAL STUDIES ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Why is history important?

1.1

How do we learn about the past?

1.2

How do you research
history?

1.3

How does geography
influence the way people
live?

2.1

Why do people trade?

2.2

Why do people form governments?

2.3

How do people adapt to
their environment?

3.1, 3.2, 3.3

How does geography
influence the way people
live?

4.1

Why does conflict
develop?

4.2

How does geography
influence the way people
live?

5.1

What makes a culture
unique?

5.2

Why do civilizations rise and
fall?

5.3, 5.4

How do religions
develop?

6.1

What are the characteristics
of a leader?

6.2

How does religions shape
society?

6.3

Why does conflict develop?

6.4

How does geography
influence the way people
live?

7.1

Why do people form
governments?

7.2

Why does conflict develop?

7.3

How do governments
change?

7.4

What makes culture unique?

8.1

How do new ideas change
the way people live?

8.2

What are the characteristics
of leader?

8.3

How do new ideas change
the way people live?

8.4

How does geography
influence the way people
live?

9.1

How do religions develop?

9.2

What makes a culture
unique?

9.3, 10.1

How do new ideas change
the way people live?

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How do governments
change?

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How does geography
influence the way people
live?

11.1

How do governments
change?

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Why does conflict develop?

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What are the characteristics
of a leader?

11.4

What makes a culture
unique?

12.1

Why do civilizations rise and
fall?

12.2

What are the characteristics
of a leader?

13.1

How do religions develop?

13.2

How does geography affect
the way people live?

14.1

What makes a culture
unique?

14.2

How does geography affect
the way people live?

15.1

How do new ideas change
the way people live?

15.2

What are the characteristics
of a leader?

15.3

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ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Why do scholars study the people, events, and ideas of long ago?

How do historians improve our understanding of the world?

How do physical geography and human geography contribute to the study of history?

How did prehistoric people change as time progressed?

How did humans ways of living change as they interacted and adapted?

As people migrated around the world, how did they adapt to their environments?

How did geography influence
the development of civilization
in Southwest Asia

What are the elements of the
first civilization?

What was the relationship between the Nile and the Egyptian civilization?

How did the advances the Sumerians achieved affect their society?

How did Egyptian government
and religion affect the Old
Kingdom of ancient Egypt?

How did Geography affect life
in Egypt?

How did achievements made in ancient Egypt affect our culture today?

How did the Kingdom of Kush influence Egyptian culture?

How did India's history and culture affect the world today?

How did Geography affect ancient India?

How did religions develop?

How did the development of
Hinduism affect life in ancient
India?

What factors determine an empire's success?

How did India influence other cultures?

How do people, events, and ideas that shaped ancient China continue to influence the world?

How did geography affect where Chinese civilization first began?

How did the Zhou dynasty bring political stability and new ways to deal with political and social changes in ancient China?

How did the Qin dynasty unify China?

How did trade routes affect China, Rome, and other peoples in the ancient world?

How did the Han dynasty influence Chinese culture?

How did the Tang and Song dynasties help advance their civilization?

What challenges did the Sui, Tang, and Song dynasties overcome in reunifying the country?

How did the fall of the Han dynasty affect China?

How did the Chinese fend off foreign rulers during the Yuan dynasty and eventually prosper during the Ming dynasty?

How did the Hebrews defend themselves and maintain their beliefs?

How was the kingdom called Israel established?

How did the ideals and laws in Judaism affect other religions?

What were the major influences that helped shape government in Greece?

How did the great myths and works of literature created by the ancient Greeks influence the way we speak and write today?

How did the Greek culture influence the world today?

How did the Persians come to rule a large empire?

How did conflict between Persia and Greece develop?

How did Alexander the Great spread Greek culture?

How did ancient Greece influence the arts, philosophy, and science?

How did Rome become the dominant power in the Mediterranean region?

How did geography influence Rome's ability to become a major power in the ancient world?

How did Rome's tripartite government and written laws help create a stable society?

How did the split of the Roman empire affect Rome?

What was Rome's legacy after it fell?

How did Rome grow politically and economically after it changed from a republic to an empire?

How did Christianity spread?

How did Christianity influence
Rome's culture?

What is the relationship between Islam and other religions in the ancient world?

How did the spread of Islam influence the creation of the Ottoman and Mughal empires?

What factors shaped early African civilizations?

How did the Mali, Songhai, and Great Zimbabwe empires develop in Africa?

What led to the development of complex societies in the Americas?

How did Geography affect the Mayan civilization?

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How were the Aztecs able to build a strong empire in central Mexico?

How did culture help the Spanish
conquer the Incas?

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