

Curriculum for Culture IV

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Objectives

The entire curriculum will be age appropriate and will follow a tone of Grade 4 – Grade 5 Indian history textbooks.

During this course students will learn the following:

1. Know India's rich heritage, history and culture: Indus and Saraswati valley civilization and Vedic Period.
2. Students will learn greatness of our Kings, monuments, scholars, and diversity.
3. In Chronological order: Mahajanapadas, Magadha Empire, Maurayan Empire, Kushans, King Vikramidtya of Ujjaini, Gupta Empire, Harshavardhan, Palas, Cholas, and Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Prithiviraj Chauhan, Vijayanagara Empire, Rana Pratap, Chhatrasal of Bundelkhand , Tipu Sultan of Mysore and Maratha Empire and Peshwas.
4. List or mention: 8 foreign invaders such as Alexander, Huns, Timur, Khilji, Ghori, Ghazni, Babur and Nadir Shah
5. List or mention Delhi and Deccan Sultanates: Qutubuddin Aibak, Razia Sultan, Tuglaq dynasty and Adilshah, Nizamshah, Qutubshah.
6. The 3 Important battles: Paurava v Alexander, Rana Pratap v Akbar at Haldighati and 3rd Battle of Panipat.
7. Above all: Why should we be proud of our rich Indian Heritage?

Age appropriate details only

The course is split in to three parts and includes the following topics.

Part One: 12 classes

- Stone age – Indus/Saraswati Civilization **to** Chola Empire
 - Indus/Saraswati Civilization
 - Vedic Period and Mahajanapadas
 - Magadha Empire
 - Alexander vs Paurava
 - Maurayan Dynasty (Chandragupta, Chanakya and Emperor Ashoka)

King Vikramaditya of Ujjaini
Kushan Empire and Satvahana Empire
Gupta Empire
King Harshavardan of Thanesar
Pala Empire
Chola Empire

- Mid-term Exam

Part Two: 6 classes

- Southern Kingdoms – Foreign invasion – Rajputs of Mewar and Marwar
Southern Kingdoms: Rastrakuta, Chalukya
Vijaynagara Empire
Delhi Sultanates, Invaders to India from Central Asia.
Rajputs- Prithviraj Chauhan and Rana Pratap
Battle of Haldighati
Yearly Class Project (15 min presentation- 5 teams)

Part Three: 6 classes

- Consequences of Muslim Rule in India and influence on Architecture, Cuisine, Garments.
- Establishment of Hindavi Swaraj, Marathas, Rajputs and Sikhs
Deccan Sultanates (list them and their placement)
Moghul Empire (list the Moghuls and 2 – 3 important facts only)
Maratha Empire and the Peshwas (Shivaji, Bajirao-I and Madhavrao-I only)
King Chhatrasal of Bundelkhand
3rd Battle of Panipat
Mahaji Shinde and Nana Phadanvis

Homework: 5 - 8 lines of each (Submission dates will be provided later)

- 1) *Ancient Places: a) Samarkand b) Andijan and Ferghana Valley c) Persia d) Kandahar
e) Asia Minor f) Bactria g) Central Asia h) Macedonia*

Due in November

- 2) *Forts of India: a) Red fort of Delhi b) Red fort of Agra c) Purandar Fort d) Panhala Fort e)
Simhagad Fort f) Fatehpur Sikri g) Devgiri Fort h) Chittodgarh Fort i) Pratapgad Fort*

Due in January

- 3) *Poet Saints of India: a) Dnyaneshwar b) Pundalik c) Namdeo d) Tukaram e) Eknath f)
Ramdas g) Mirabai h) Tulsidas*

Due in May

References:1. Story of India- PBS series available on DVD at Balvihar Library 2. Authenticated Internet sources 3. Amar Chitra Katha