

## California H-SS Curriculum & Study of Turkey

### Sixth Grade

**Early Humankind** – human communities Çatalhöyük, domestication of plants

**Mesopotamia** – River systems (Tigris and Euphrates), agriculture

**Egypt** – trade with Hittites & wheeled chariot

**Ancient Greece** – Troy; city states & trade; literature connection – King Midas;  
Persian Empire & royal roads; Alexander the Great (Gordion knot)

**Ancient China** – Silk Road to Roman Empire

**Ancient Rome** – trade routes, empire; transmission of Christianity & Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul)

### Seventh Grade

**Roman Empire** – Eastern Empire, Constantinople & Byzantine Empire; Constantine & Eastern Orthodox Christianity; Roman law, Justinian Code

**Islam in Middle Ages** – trade, scholars, Islam; Saladin; Seljuk empire

**European Middle Ages** – geography Europe and Eurasia; Crusades; trade with Eastern Mediterranean;

**Renaissance** – trading cities, Silk Road; advances in literature, science, etc.; Suleiman the Magnificent

**Age of Science** – Turkish and other Middle Eastern scientists & their contributions

### Tenth Grade

**Greek & Roman philosophy** - Justinian code

**Effects of democratic revolutions** in Europe – Ataturk’s ideas; spread of idea of nationalism, decline of the Ottomans & growth of Balkan nationalism

**Era of New Imperialism** – perspectives of colonizers and colonized – Ottomans

**Causes of WWI** – arguments for going to war, principal theaters of war (Gallipoli), how Ottomans & Arabs related to each other in WWI; human rights issues between Armenians & Ottomans

**Effects of WWI** – new borders dismembering Ottoman Empire in Middle East, shifts in geopolitical power; disillusionment with prewar institutions, authorities, and values; rise of Ataturk

**Post WWII** – forces for nationalism in Middle East, NATO

**Contemporary World** – nation building in Turkey, challenges in the Mid East, international relationships, key leaders, religious issues, natural resources, individual freedom and democracy

**Integration of Countries into the World Economy** – European Union & Turkey

### Eleventh Grade

**WWII** – Marshall Plan & importance of a rebuilt Europe to U.S. economy

**US Foreign Policy Since WWII** – role of military alliance such as NATO in deterring communist aggression & maintaining national security; Truman Doctrine military assistance to Turkey & Greece; geopolitical consequences of the Cold War

**Twelfth Grade – Civics**

**Comparative governments & quest for democracy** – Ataturk’s political ideas of a secular political state to modernize and protect rights

**Twelfth Grade - Economics**

Understand changing role of international political boundaries and territorial sovereignty (emphasis on oil and water)