



ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS & CULTURES



Timelines of Ancient Civilisations

Series (FD020)

Using an easy to follow progressive timeline from early beginning to more modern day, students will follow the emerging development and ultimate sophistication of these most notable civilisations. Broken down into sub-chapters of information, each video program (divided into two 15-minute segments) covers the most important topics and concepts associated with the unique culture and history of these civilisations as they passed through time.

• Ancient Egyptian Civilisation (FD021)

The historic timeline of Egypt stretches from approximately 3100 BCE to modern-day. With its spectacular temples, imperious Pharaohs and auspicious treasures, Egypt's Golden Empire became one of the most dominant civilisations the world has ever known. The timeline of Egypt flows from the dynasties of mighty kings & queens to the architectural wonders of pyramids & tombs. In 1798 the discovery of the Rosetta Stone revealed secrets from Egypt's mystical past. Today with the Suez Canal & the Aswan High Dam, Egypt continues to segue from its disclosed past to its renewing present.

• Ancient Chinese Civilisation (FD022)

The history of China dates back some 3,300 years. Distinct with its own art, music, literature, philosophy, science and technology China offers a cultural portrait equal to the strong creative will of its people. From clans and tribes of nomadic wanderers, China has blended its ancient heritage into the sophistication of a modern-day society. Its language consists of 60,000 symbols; its art is formed from the natural beauty of porcelain, bronze and jade; its philosophy embraces the poetic wisdom and peaceful teachings of Confucius; and its enduring architecture presents an array of pagodas, temples, and a fortress of imperial cities.

• Ancient Greek Civilisation (FD023)

Ancient Greek culture has been a contributing influence throughout western civilisation in the areas of art, literature, philosophy, drama, architecture and politics. With their inspiring intellect and unending pursuit of knowledge, the Greeks were the first to envision the principles of democracy and personal freedoms. Although ancient, these early Greek ideas continue to effectively establish the precepts for governments throughout the world today including the United States of America.

• Ancient Roman Civilisation (FD024)

Synonymous with imperial rule, the historic timeline of the Roman Empire is a tapestry woven from its origins along seven hilltop villages to the shores of Europe, Asia and Africa. Its influence upon the ancient world rapidly spread as ambitious Roman emperors swiftly expanded the empire. Although founded upon the principles of a "Republic", imperialism soon became a defining element of Roman authority. The legacy of ancient Rome continues to influence our world today. Its alluring cities; Rome, Venice, Naples & Pompeii, are all an attractive taste of an empire gone but not forgotten.

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• Ancient Mesopotamian Society (FD025)

Known as the "Land In Between", Mesopotamia geographically lies between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Today this broad fertile crescent plain is part of the modern countries of Iraq and Kuwait. Over the course of 5,000 years this ancient land gave rise to three remarkable civilisations; the Sumerians, the Babylonians and the Assyrians. Innovations first developed by these enduring civilisations include; sophisticated building, farming methods, the wheel, water irrigation and the development of language.

Junior – Middle Secondary Level

5 x 33 mins, Produced in the USA 2003

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Greece - Isles Of Revelation

CA004

From the hillside ruins of Delphi to mystical islands in the Aegean Sea, this program journeys across the stunning landscape of Greece. The program goes beyond a simple visit to dusty ruins as we explore the roots of faith in what was once the mythical home of Zeus, Hera, Apollo and Aphrodite. We visit the great halls of the Acropolis in Athens, the columned remains of Delphi, and the cloud-shrouded summit of fabled Mount Olympus. This program chronicles the transition from pagan beliefs to Christianity. We journey to the ancient city of Corinth in the Peloponnese Peninsula where Paul spoke to the people, and discover the mysterious cave on the island of Patmos where John is believed to have heard God's voice delivering the biblical Book Of Revelation.

Middle Secondary - Tertiary

30 mins, Distributed by arr. With Catalyst Entertainment 2000

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Australia – The Dreamtime

CA001

Oral traditions and ancient rock art help tell the legendary story of Australia's indigenous people in this program, featuring the Dreamtime myths of one of the world's most fascinating cultures, the Aborigine. We discover how the Aboriginal people survive in a land so desolate that few can imagine the difficulties posed by scorching heat and an infinite sea of sand. Journey to the isolated Tiwi Islands to the north of Darwin and explore the dances and rituals of a tribe of people who continue to live as their ancestors have for thousands of years. *DREAMTIME* will take you back to a time when the landscape ...stone, earth, water ... was inhabited by spirits and nature provided divine guidance for all aspects of daily life.

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ANCIENT ROME SERIES

Ancient Rome: The Story of An Empire introduces the people and chronicles the events that shaped one of history's most fascinating civilisations.

Part 1 – The Republic of Rome

Discover how the city shook off the bonds of kingship and formed a republic whose government laid the groundwork for modern democracy. Scholars detail the pivotal events of Rome's early history, from the dismantling of the Etruscan monarchy to the formation of the Latin League. See how Caesar's genius and determination led to the end of the republic and the birth of an empire.

Part 2 – The Age of Emperors

From the brilliance of Augustus to the madness of Nero, this program goes beyond the myths to explore the private lives and true stories of these legendary men. Scholars reveal the reforms, triumphs and defeats of the emperors themselves and the palace plots and intrigues which changed the course of history.

Part 3 – Building an Empire

This program offers a revealing look at Rome's "Golden Age". At Pompeii, a day in the life of Rome is frozen for all time, providing an intimate glimpse of the cultures, customs and beliefs that made Rome a melting pot of its age. And sites from Asia Minor to Western Europe show how the vast empire was held together by the relentless integration of captured territories into Roman culture.

Middle Secondary – Tertiary

3 x 50 mins Produced in the UK (1998)

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 Episode Price B: \$108.90 incl. Gst
 Series Price A: \$129.90 incl. Gst
 Series Price B: \$199.90 incl. gst

Egypt - Cycle Of Life

CA003

From the sands of a great desert in northeast Africa rise what is, perhaps, the greatest mystery facing humankind. What are the Pyramids of Giza? Who built them and why? In a search for answers, *Cycle Of Life* explores the religion and mythology of the pharaohs of ancient Egypt and their quest for immortality. The program examines Mummies, hieroglyphics and the architectural precision of these ancient people and provides a unique journey into the past in this profound 'cradle of civilisation'.

Middle Secondary - Tertiary

30 mins, Produced in Canada 2000

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Palestinians' Quest: Land and Identity.

AV034

Several million Palestinians are still dreaming that they will some day go back to what they call Palestine, although as a country it still does not exist. When and if it comes into being, how many refugees will be allowed back? And what will they find? In fact the Palestinian identity has to be rebuilt from a variety of strands, new and old secular and religious. Few factors of unity remain, except militancy against Israel. But intellectuals on both sides now say that the two societies should work together as they did centuries ago.

Senior Secondary - Tertiary

50 mins Produced in the USA 1997

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Bali - Island of a Thousand Temples

CA002

In this program we explore the mysteries of the Hindu culture and the delicate balance between spiritual traditions To the Balinese people, the Hindu forces of good and evil battle endlessly - the pristine beaches and breathtaking mountains are like players in a timeless theater of the divine. Glorious Hindu temples dot the landscape to cater for a life geared toward the pursuit of nirvana. We journey to the spiritual temple of Tirta Empul, join the theater of the Wayang Kulit puppets and dance the famed music called Gamelan.

Middle Secondary - Tertiary

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