

The Curious Historian

Combined Tables of Contents

Since The Curious Historian Levels 2–3 are still in development, the following combined table of contents is only a working draft and subject to change.

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*You may have noticed that this unit does not include a chapter dedicated to ancient Egyptian literature. We will be covering this topic in *Level 1B*, since it falls chronologically within the Late Bronze Age.

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*In *Level 1B* and *Level 2*, we introduce a new cultural element: lengthier spotlight pieces that discuss important literature, technologies, monuments, languages, and religions of the age. These cultural “of the Age” pieces are considered optional but highly encouraged reading material. Depending on your schedule, you might choose to select just one or two to highlight for students, to assign them as homework, or to skip them if needed.

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Introduction Part II: The Influence and Personality of the Greeks

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Monuments of the Age: The Parthenon
Chapter 7: Religion and Worldview—The Greek Pantheon
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Profile: Plato
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Life of a Greek Athlete
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Literature of the Age: The Library and Museum of Alexandria
Religions of the Age: Judaism—The Septuagint
Chapter 12: Gifted Greeks—Scientists, Philosophers, Historians, and More
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Life of a Greek Bride
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Literature of the Age: Megasthenes’s *Indica*
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In *Level 2*, we introduce a new supplemental element for each book: a Profiles and Legends PDF, available as part of the *Curious Historian’s Archive: Extra Resources* downloadable materials. The Profiles and Legends PDF is a collection of optional readings intended to complement the *Level 2* and *Level 3* chapters by introducing students to some of the more famous legends of history and retelling a few of the classic tales—such as those of Hercules and Odysseus, the Trojan War, and Alexander and his horse Bucephalus—that we did not have room for in our text. The Profile pieces shed further light on interesting historical achievements by important figures, such as Pericles and Socrates, whom we could only spend a limited amount of space discussing in the context of each chapter. You could choose one or two of the readings to assign as homework, read them together with your students as part of your weekly class time, or save the pieces for supplemental readings during unit review weeks.

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Chapter 3: The Punic Wars and the Hellenistic Kingdoms

Languages of the Age: Latin—The Language of the Romans

Chapter 4: The Late Republic and the First Triumvirate

Symbols of the Age: Roman Standards

Chapter 5: Caesar Augustus and the *Pax Romana*

Monuments of the Age: Roman Roads

Chapter 6: Remarkable Romans—Historians, Writers, Scientists, and More

Literature of the Age: *The Aeneid*

Chapter 7: Unit I Review

Life of a Roman Woman

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Disasters of the Age: Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii

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Monuments of the Age: Trajan’s Column and Hadrian’s Pantheon

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