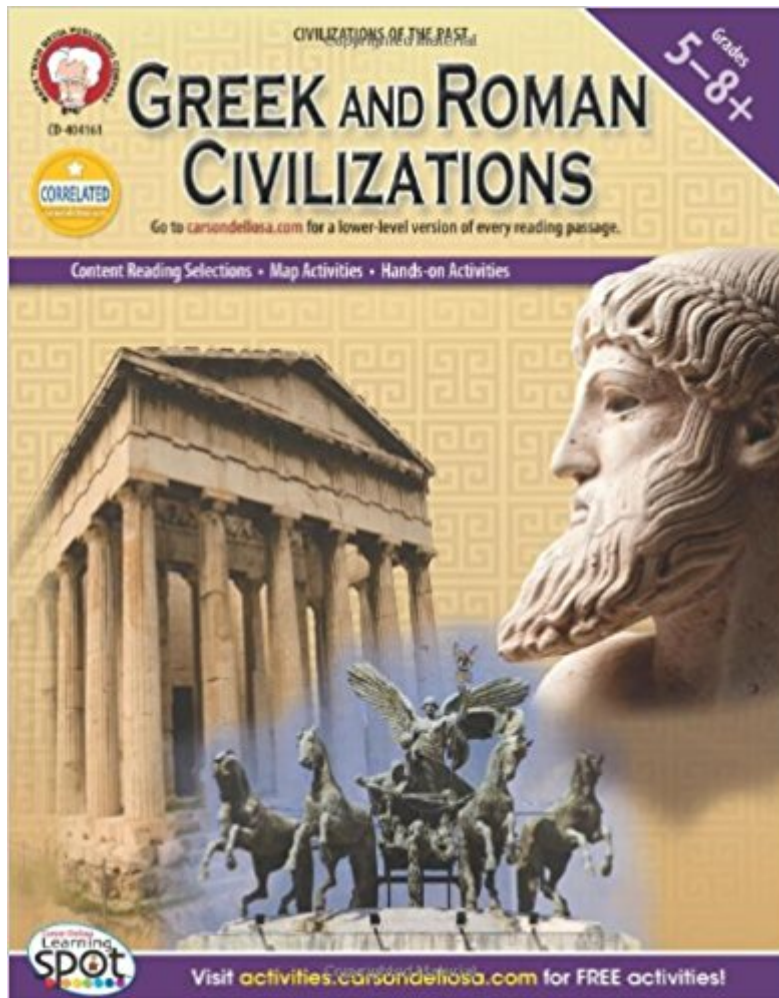




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Synopsis

Bring history to life for students in grades 5 and up using Greek and Roman Civilizations! This 96-page book features reading selections and assessments that utilize a variety of questioning strategies, such as matching, true or false, critical thinking, and constructed response. Hands-on activities, research opportunities, and mapping exercises engage students in learning about the history and culture of Greek and Roman civilizations. For struggling readers, the book includes a downloadable version of the reading selections at a fourth- to fifth-grade reading level. This book aligns with state, national, and Canadian provincial standards.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this for my 11yr daughter because she is interested in Greek Mythology and wants to learn more about ancient Greece. The title it mentions hands-on activities & map activities. Under Intro to the teacher it mentions book features: Reading selection, Knowledge check, Map follow up, and Explore (description states this is the hands on activities part of the lesson). However once get past the teacher part just about the whole book is a reading lesson or story that ranges from 1-2 pages followed by a knowledge check, which consists of aprox 7-10 matching, 2 multiple choice questions, and a constructed response question. this is proceed by the next reading lesson. Only on the occasional lesson is there a "map follow-up" which is more or less is in test format not what I would call map activity as the cover states. Also only 1 place did I find an Explore activity (i.e. hands on activity as cover states) which is how to make a mosaic which pretty much just says draw out a mosaic design on paper then use clay to make a square then after it dries paint a design on it. So to

sum it up I am very disappointed as I was looking for a hands on activity style book my daughter could use and this is just read and take a mini test on what you read type of book.

We don't have much time for social studies in the classroom, but this is a great resource to fill the 15 to 20 minutes we did have. The passages were challenging enough that the student had to go back and find their answer and I love how they were short essay questions that require the students to critically think. Nice activities to leave for a substitute teacher as well.

Great resource book! Lots of interesting info.

Great for middle school students.

good book, will use

Great to use when teaching on the subject

I use this series for homeschooling my sons who are 10 & 13 (5th & 8th grades) and find it is appropriate for both grade levels. Obviously, you could supplement these books with other materials to suit the needs of older or younger children as well. (I enjoy history, so I do these lessons with my kids and can tailor it to their needs. if your child is working independently, it will likely be too much for a younger child.) I like the way each lesson is set up (as far as quantity of information to read and length/content of the worksheets that follow each lesson). The worksheets at the end of each lesson have a variety of matching, multiple choice, short answer, and maps/diagrams depending on lesson content. As I mentioned, we like this series as a whole and I find that all of the books I have purchased are of similar quality.

I use some parts of this book every year in my world history class as a supplement to my units on Greece and Rome. Those two civilizations are the focus of my first semester and this workbook is a solid back-up resource. I note, however, in my opinion that this is best used as a back-up resource. It is not a complete unit on its own for a variety of reasons, including a lack of variety in its style and the near-complete lack of information on a variety of topics such as the Greek philosophers. This is a great filler on those days when you need to fill 20 minutes for a substitute teacher or when you need to focus in on a certain topic with a bit more depth. As mentioned earlier, I spend a great deal

of time of Greece and Rome and these units can give a bit more focus that the general world history textbook cannot deliver. Unlike some workbooks which were written by some publisher's hack writer in a dark basement somewhere, Dierckz is a real P.H.D. who has done field work at some of the sites that she mentions in the texts. The writing is at a middle/high school level - not too complex, but not insultingly simplistic either. There are multiple question pages that go with each reading, including everything from one word answers to paragraphs. The readings include such topics as (not the entire list): The Greek and Latin Alphabets, Roman numerals, Common Latin phrases still in use today, Sparta, Athens, The Wars with Persia, Greek Art and Architecture, Alexander the Great, 4 sections on The Roman Republic, 3 sections on the Emperor Period, The Rise and Spread of Christianity, Roman Entertainment, Roman Architecture, The Roman Army and lots of maps. I give this one a grade of B+. Note: there is nothing wrong with the book, I would just reserve the grade of A (5 stars) for a resource that could be a complete stand alone unit, rather than an extremely solid and competent supplement.

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