

**Social Studies Lesson Plans – Mr. Cain**  
**Week of November 5, 2012 – November 9, 2012**

**Monday/Tuesday: Cultural Aspects of Ancient Mesopotamia**

Major Objectives:	Students will be able to: 1.) identify and describe various cultural aspects of ancient Mesopotamia including government, cuneiform writing, daily life, and inventions and achievements, 2.) explain the importance of Hammurabi's Code and create a set of laws for the classroom, and 3.) analyze the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of various Mesopotamian leaders and the impact of their actions on the people of ancient Mesopotamia.
Activities:	Whole group discussion/lecture on the various cultural aspects of ancient Mesopotamia, small group and individual creation of a code of laws for the classroom, small group and individual analysis of particular rulers of ancient Mesopotamia.
Text/Materials:	Cultural Aspects Readings, cultural aspects of Mesopotamia handouts, critical analysis worksheet for ancient Mesopotamian rulers.
Assessment:	Monitoring of students' class work and participation.
Homework:	None

**Wednesday/Thursday: Newspaper of the Gods & Goddess of Mesopotamia Project**  
**Friday**

Major Objectives:	Students will be able to: 1.) identify and describe the various gods and goddesses of Mesopotamia, and 2.) create a newspaper project that identifies and describes how religion influenced the lives of the Mesopotamians.
Activities:	Whole group discussion/lecture on the various gods and goddesses of Mesopotamia.
Text/Materials:	Gods and Goddesses of Mesopotamia Reading and Newspaper of the Gods and Goddesses Instruction Sheets.
Assessment:	Monitoring of students' class work and participation.
Homework:	Completion of a Newspaper of the Gods & Goddesses of Mesopotamia Project.