

Subject Area: History
Unit Title: Introduction to Ancient History: Pericles and Athenian Imperialism
Grade Level: 9-10
Lesson Number: 1 of 10

Duration: 60 minutes
Date: March 10, 2024
Teacher: Ms. Johnson
Room: 205

Curriculum Standards Alignment

Content Standards:

- Analyze the role of Pericles in promoting Athenian imperialism
- Evaluate the impact of Pericles' policies on ancient Athens and its relationships with other city-states
- Interpret primary and secondary sources to understand the historical context of Athenian imperialism

Skills Standards:

- Critical thinking
- Collaboration
- Communication

Cross-Curricular Links:

- English: reading comprehension, writing
- Geography: map skills, cultural awareness

Essential Questions & Big Ideas

Essential Questions:

- What were the key factors that contributed to the rise of Athenian imperialism?
- How did Pericles' policies impact the development of ancient Athens?
- What are the ongoing implications of Athenian imperialism in modern society?

Enduring Understandings:

- Athenian imperialism was a complex phenomenon that involved political, economic, and cultural factors
- Pericles' policies played a significant role in shaping the development of ancient Athens
- The study of ancient history can provide valuable insights into modern society and global issues

Student Context Analysis

Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a U-shape to facilitate group work and discussion
- Set up a projector and screen for multimedia presentations

Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access
- Projector and screen

Materials Preparation:

- Handouts with guided notes and primary sources
- Whiteboard markers and chart paper

Safety Considerations:

- Ensure that all students have a clear path to exit the room in case of an emergency
- Remind students to keep their belongings organized and secure

Detailed Lesson Flow

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of Pericles and Athenian imperialism
- Provide background information on the historical context

Primary Source Analysis (20 minutes)

- Provide students with excerpts from primary sources, such as Thucydides' **The History of the Peloponnesian War**
- Have students analyze and interpret the historical context of Athenian imperialism

Engagement Strategies:

- Think-pair-share to encourage critical thinking and collaboration
- Gallery walk to facilitate movement and discussion

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Group Work (20 minutes)

- Divide students into small groups to discuss and debate the implications of Pericles' policies
- Encourage critical thinking and collaboration

Scaffolding Strategies:

- Provide guided notes and graphic organizers to support student understanding
- Offer one-on-one support to students who need extra assistance

Conclusion (10 minutes)

- Summarize the key points and takeaways from the lesson

- Emphasize the significance of Pericles and Athenian imperialism in ancient history

Differentiation & Support Strategies

For Struggling Learners:

- Provide extra support and scaffolding during group work and primary source analysis
- Offer one-on-one support and feedback

For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and extensions, such as extra primary sources or more complex questions
- Encourage students to take on leadership roles during group work

ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers to support student understanding
- Offer one-on-one support and feedback

Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage empathy and perspective-taking during group work and discussions
- Model and teach self-awareness, self-regulation, and self-motivation strategies

Assessment & Feedback Plan

Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Observations during group work and discussions
- Review of student work and feedback

Success Criteria:

- Students can analyze the role of Pericles in promoting Athenian imperialism
- Students can evaluate the impact of Pericles' policies on ancient Athens and its relationships with other city-states

Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback during group work and discussions
- Written feedback on student work

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Homework & Extension Activities

Homework Assignment:

Have students complete a reading assignment on the Delian League and the Athenian Empire, and provide guided notes and questions to support student understanding.

Extension Activities:

- Have students create a multimedia presentation on the significance of Pericles and Athenian imperialism

- Encourage students to research and write about a related topic, such as the impact of Athenian imperialism on modern society

Parent/Guardian Connection:

Send a newsletter to parents and guardians with information about the lesson and activities, and encourage them to ask their child about what they learned.

Teacher Reflection Space

Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

Introduction to Ancient History

Ancient history is the study of the past, from the earliest human societies to the fall of the Roman Empire. It is a vast and fascinating field that encompasses the history of ancient civilizations, including Greece, Rome, Egypt, and Mesopotamia.

The Australian Curriculum for History emphasizes the importance of understanding the past and its relevance to the present. This lesson plan focuses on introducing students to the basics of ancient history, including the key concepts, events, and figures that shaped the ancient world.

Key Concepts and Events

- The rise and fall of ancient civilizations, including Greece, Rome, Egypt, and Mesopotamia
- The development of key concepts, such as democracy, philosophy, and theater
- The impact of ancient events, such as the Persian Wars and the Peloponnesian War, on modern society

Key Figures

- Pericles: an influential Athenian statesman who played a crucial role in shaping the development of ancient Athens
- Socrates: a Greek philosopher who is widely regarded as one of the founders of Western philosophy
- Alexander the Great: a Macedonian king who conquered a vast portion of the known world and spread Greek culture and language throughout his empire

Pericles and Athenian Imperialism

Pericles was an influential Athenian statesman who played a crucial role in shaping the development of ancient Athens. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest leaders of the ancient world, and his policies and legacy continue to be studied and debated by historians and scholars today.

Athenian imperialism was a complex phenomenon that involved the expansion of Athenian power and influence throughout the ancient world. It was characterized by the establishment of a network of subject states and colonies, which provided Athens with a source of wealth, manpower, and resources.

Key Events and Policies

- The Delian League: a mutual defense alliance formed by Athens and its allies to counter the threat of Persian invasion
- The Athenian Empire: a network of subject states and colonies that provided Athens with a source of wealth, manpower, and resources
- The Golden Age of Athens: a period of cultural and intellectual flourishing that saw the development of key concepts, such as democracy, philosophy, and theater

Impact of Pericles' Policies

Pericles' policies had a significant impact on the development of ancient Athens and its relationships with other city-states. His expansionist foreign policy led to the establishment of the Athenian Empire, which provided Athens with a source of wealth, manpower, and resources.

However, Pericles' policies also led to the Peloponnesian War, a devastating conflict that weakened Athens and ultimately led to its decline. The war also had a significant impact on the development of ancient Greece, leading to the rise of Sparta and the decline of Athens.

Differentiation Strategies

Differentiation is the process of tailoring instruction to meet the diverse needs of students. It involves providing a range of learning experiences and activities that cater to different learning styles, abilities, and interests.

In the context of this lesson, differentiation strategies can be used to support students who may need extra help or challenges. For example, visual aids and graphic organizers can be used to support students who are visual learners, while think-pair-share and group work can be used to support students who are kinesthetic learners.

Visual Aids and Graphic Organizers

- Maps and diagrams to help students visualize the geographical extent of the Athenian Empire
- Timelines to help students understand the chronology of events
- Graphic organizers to help students organize and structure their thoughts and ideas

Think-Pair-Share and Group Work

- Think-pair-share to encourage critical thinking and collaboration
- Group work to facilitate discussion and debate
- Gallery walk to facilitate movement and discussion

Assessment Opportunities

Assessment is an essential part of the learning process, as it provides teachers with valuable information about student understanding and progress. In the context of this lesson, assessment opportunities can be used to evaluate student understanding of the key concepts and events.

Formative assessment strategies, such as observations and review of student work, can be used to monitor student progress and provide feedback. Summative assessment strategies, such as quizzes and tests, can be used to evaluate student understanding at the end of the lesson.

Formative Assessment Strategies

- Observations during group work and discussions
- Review of student work and feedback

Summative Assessment Strategies

- Quizzes and tests to evaluate student understanding
- Projects and presentations to evaluate student application and critical thinking

Time Management Considerations

Time management is an essential part of effective teaching, as it ensures that lessons are well-structured and that students have sufficient time to complete activities and assignments. In the context of this lesson, time management considerations can be used to allocate sufficient time for each activity and assessment opportunity.

Teachers can use a range of strategies to manage time effectively, including creating a detailed lesson plan, allocating time for transitions, and minimizing downtime.

Creating a Detailed Lesson Plan

- Allocate sufficient time for each activity and assessment opportunity
- Include time for transitions and downtime

Minimizing Downtime

- Use transitions to minimize downtime
- Encourage students to work in groups to facilitate discussion and debate

Student Engagement Factors

Student engagement is an essential part of effective teaching, as it ensures that students are motivated and interested in the lesson. In the context of this lesson, student engagement factors can be used to encourage students to participate and engage with the material.

Teachers can use a range of strategies to promote student engagement, including providing opportunities for discussion and debate, using real-life examples and case studies, and incorporating multimedia resources.

Providing Opportunities for Discussion and Debate

- Think-pair-share to encourage critical thinking and collaboration
- Group work to facilitate discussion and debate

Using Real-Life Examples and Case Studies

- Use real-life examples and case studies to illustrate key concepts and events
- Incorporate multimedia resources, such as videos and podcasts, to supplement traditional teaching methods

Conclusion

In conclusion, this lesson plan provides a comprehensive overview of Pericles and Athenian imperialism, utilizing primary and secondary sources to facilitate a deep understanding of this significant historical period. By incorporating differentiation strategies, assessment opportunities, and student engagement factors, teachers can create an engaging and effective learning experience for their students.

The study of ancient history can provide valuable insights into modern society and global issues, and this lesson plan is designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the past and its relevance to the present.

Appendix

The following resources can be used to support the lesson:

- Primary sources: Thucydides' **The History of the Peloponnesian War**, Aristophanes' **The Clouds**
- Secondary sources: **The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Athens**, **The Oxford Handbook of Engineering and Technology in the Classical World**
- Multimedia resources: **Crash Course: Ancient History**, **BBC History: Ancient Greece**

