

**How to build students' global perspectives through
junior secondary History curriculum (2):
Ancient and Medieval Europe (New)**

**The Impact of the Ancient World on
Our Daily Life**

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Mesopotamia:

The Epic of Gilgamesh

(hero, hero-worship, flood & monsters)

Mathematics: fraction

Lunar calendar

Ziggurat (architecture)

- **Egypt:**
- **Resurrection (vegetation cycle) [Osiris and Isis]**
- **Pyramid (architecture)**
- **Mummification (medical science)**
- **Surgery**
- **Numbers**
- **Astrology**

- **Ancient Greek mythology (and Tragedies) to drama, calendar, medical and psychological terms**
- **Dramatic effect in the plotting**
- **Some names of the months**
- **Medical terms, such as Achilles heel/tendon**

- **Psychological terms, such as Oedipal Complex, tantalizing, Narcissist, ...**
- **+ soccer teams, brands of sports wear, ...**
- **Ancient Greek mythology and *Aesop's Fables* on management**
- **Cf. Fred's EMBA talk**
- ***Golden Apple – power, wealth, and love***
- **The Wooden Horse (strategy)**
- ***The Odyssey* (mentor, too proud, ...)**

- *Aesop's Fables:*
- **Some proverbs;**
- **A bird in hand is worth two in the bush**
- **Sour grapes**
- **Crying Wolf too often**
- **Look before you leap**
- **Slowly but surely**
- **A friend in need is a friend indeed***

- **+ The Deer and the Lion***
- **+ The Farmer and His Sons (United we stand, Divided we fall)**

- **(Ancient Greek psychology)**
- **Ancient Greek philosophy [the love of wisdom] (modern = footnotes of Plato*)**
- **Ancient Greek geometry (Euclid, Father of Geometry; Pythagoras Theorem)**
- **Ancient Greek physics (Archimedes' Principle: Density = Mass/Volume, thus, floating of a ship)**

- **Alexander the Great (from *polis* to cosmopolitan)**
- **Satrapy in governing**

- **Hannibal (strategy in warfare)**
- **Julius Caesar (*dictatus*)**
- **Senate, Senator (Roman Republic, U.S.A.)**
- **Augustus Caesar (*imperator*)[Emperor]**
- **Roman Empire**
- **Christianity (+ Greco-Roman “Classical”)**
- **[+ Germanic = Birth of Europe]**
- **The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire**