



# Family Newsletter for Unit 6

## Communities and World History

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about early communities, including Mesopotamia
- what life was like in the ancient civilizations of Egypt, India, and China
- about ancient Greece and Rome

### Read to Learn More About It

*The Day of Ahmed's Secret*, by Heide. Ahmed must make deliveries all over Cairo before he can tell his family that he has learned to write his name.

*Market Days: From Market to Market Around the World*, by Madhur Jaffrey. Fascinating things are found in the markets of Hong Kong, Egypt, Senegal, India, Italy, and Mexico; includes recipes.

*Wonders of Rivers*, by Rae Bains. Briefly discusses the characteristics, origins, formation, and uses of rivers.

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Talk About It

Chapter 11: Communities from Long Ago

**Community laws** Discuss the Code of Hammurabi and why ancient civilizations developed laws.

Chapter 12: Ancient Civilizations

**Paper** The ancient Chinese civilization invented paper. Discuss how having paper affects everyone's life today.

Chapter 13: Roots of the Western World

**Democracy** Discuss with your child the benefits and importance of living in a democracy.

### Make It

**Hieroglyphics** The ancient Egyptians used pictures to represent meanings. Choose a phrase or sentence. Have your child draw pictures to represent the meanings of the words.



### Technology

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