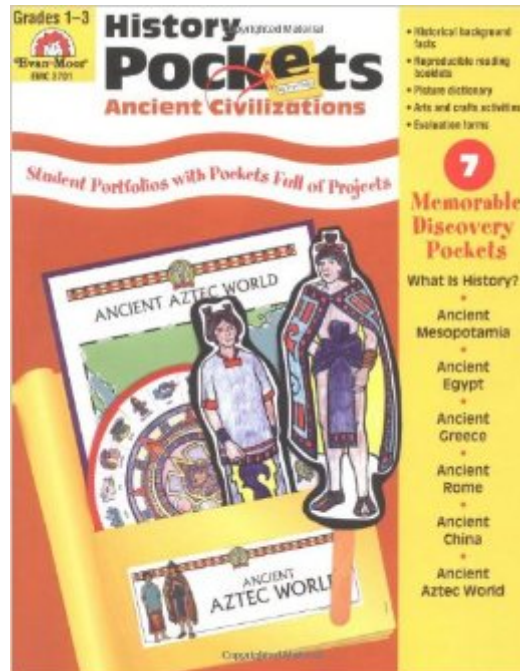


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# History Pockets: Ancient Civilizations, Grades 1-3



## Synopsis

History Pockets Ancient Civilizations, Grades 13, contains seven discovery pockets. An introduction pocket gives an overview of the time periods studied. The other pockets focus on the food, shelter, clothing, and contributions of six ancient worlds. Each of the pockets contains: a reproducible pocket label, four picture dictionary words, a fact sheet of background information for the teacher, a reproducible student information booklet complete with illustrations, a postcard of a famous monument, two puppets to show the clothing, arts and crafts projects, and writing activities. As a culminating activity, the students put together a passport of all the places they have visited. This passport gives students a chance to reflect on all they have learned. The book includes the following pockets: What Is History?, Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Ancient China, and Ancient Aztec World.

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## Customer Reviews

I used these pockets to support the Ancient year my family enjoyed as an annual theme in their earlier home education. The theme took in every kind of learning, and these added something special, but I mainly relied on Story of the World, Volume 1: Ancient Times Audiobook CD: From the Earliest Nomads to the Late Roman Empire, Revised Edition (7 CDs). Fortunately they fit beautifully together. The Story of the World title gives a lot more information than the pockets, including stories from each culture, and if you get the Audio CD version, your children can play the tracks to their

hearts' content. The matching Story of the World activity book was also a great help to create some active/hands-on/role play learning. These three titles together work really well but don't supply any of the science, so to flesh it out I used Ancient Science: 40 Time-Traveling, World-Exploring, History-Making Activities for Kids, which is also arranged civilization by civilization, so the experiments are super easy to fit in at the right point. The set of science experiments are couched in historical background, are well explained from both the scientific point of view and from the point of view of what each civilization discovered, and most importantly they really work! So the pockets by themselves are not going to teach the history, but my children LOVED the pocket activities which had them make things that they can handle, that will remind them of what we covered in other ways.

If you are looking for an easy way to add hands-on projects to your study of ancient civilizations in the primary grades, this is it. The blackline masters are very professionally done so the child's end product is high quality. All you need are basic school supplies including scissors, glue stick, crayons, and construction paper (and a few other things). You do need to photocopy the projects, so start up for homeschoolers might be a little more involved. The projects touch on highlights of the culture being studied and create memorable products that facilitate discussion. My first grade daughter's interest in history came to life when we added History Pockets to our homeschool studies. She still enjoys taking out the stick puppets from various cultures and having them talk to each other a year later. It's been a great way to show relatives what she's studying and review it for herself in the process. Each culture has a written booklet of info. which creates a nice summary. They also include 4 vocabulary words per culture done in an appealing way. Then there are several other projects, most of which vary for each culture. For example, you make a Parthenon shape book for Ancient Greece. There is too much coloring, in my opinion. We handled this by limiting what she would color per page and by using fewer colors. The projects still look good even if only certain aspects are colored or if some aren't colored at all. I plan to use History Pockets with my younger children and look forward to trying History Pockets on other subjects. Classroom teacher (former classroom teacher, myself): These projects are pretty simple and many could be done at a center with an example to look at.

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