

HOMESCHOOL NATIONS

History

Cause and effect you can trace in your own timeline.

Grade fit: Grades 4-12 · Format: printable PDF unit

About this unit

History sticks when students have made a decision and watched it echo. Your nation accumulates a real record of choices, wars, treaties, and recoveries that students can compare directly to historical cases.

What students will be able to do

- Build and read a timeline with cause and effect links
- Compare a decision in their nation to a documented historical parallel
- Distinguish primary from secondary sources
- Explain why empires expand, strain, and decline
- Write a short historical argument with evidence

These are sample pages only. The complete unit, answer keys, and printable worksheet packs are part of the Homeschool Nations bundle.

Sample lesson — topics covered

Timelines

The nation log is a ready-made timeline. Students annotate the turning points and defend the labels.

Rise and decline

Overextension, unhappy populations, and unfunded militaries produce decline patterns that mirror real history.

Diplomacy and treaties

Alliances, betrayals, and reputation build a working model of how international relations actually move.

Try it this week

1. Annotate a 30-day timeline with five turning points
2. Write a 'what if' essay changing one early decision
3. Match one week of events to a real historical episode

Sample worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. In one sentence, what is the big idea of this History unit?

2. Describe one decision you made in your nation and what happened next.

3. What evidence from your nation's data supports that answer?

4. What would you do differently next week, and why?

Weekly plan at a glance

- Monday: read the assigned history text
- Tuesday: identify the parallel in your nation
- Wednesday: gameplay and logging
- Thursday: comparison paragraph
- Friday: timeline update

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