**PERSIAN/GREEK NEWSCASTS**

**DIRECTIONS:**

1) Decide who will be the scribe (record keeper) and who will be newscasters (2-4 students).

2) Group reads designated section of Ch 4 or Ch 5 and discusses what needs to be included in a newscast of their events.

3) Scribe writes down script for 2-3 newscasters with input from the group.

4) One newscaster brings the script to the teacher for approval.

5) Newscasters practice presenting their script.

6) Group presents newscast.

7) Turn in script to the teacher.

**TOPIC 1: Rise of Persia (pgs 92-95)**

Be sure to include answers to the following questions:

* Who were the major leaders and how did they govern?
* How did Persia treat those they defeated?
* How did the Royal Road help emperors build and maintain the Persian Empire?

**TOPIC 2: Weather Report and Breaking News… War with Persia (pgs 111- 112, 118- 119)**

* How did the physical geography of Greece affect the trade, unity, and government of Greece?
* What were the 3 major battles of the war, and how did they turn out?
* What were the consequences of the Persian Wars?

**TOPIC 3: Power Struggles: Athens and Sparta (pgs 115- 118)**

* Describe the types of government that were common in Ancient Greece.
* How did Spartans’ military impact the lives of its citizens?
* How did Athens create and then reform its democracy?

**TOPIC 4: Good Times for Greece (pgs 120-125) (NO PELOPONNESIAN WAR)**

* What were Pericles’ goals for Athens, and how did he achieve them?
* Describe the various cultural benefits to living in Athens.
* How did the 3 philosophers question and change thinking in Ancient Greece.

**TOPIC 5: Disaster for Greece (pgs 123-124)**

* Why did the Peloponnesian War break out between Athens and Sparta?
* How did either side gain an advantage in battle? Who won? How?
* How did disease affect Greek war and civilization?

**TOPIC 6: Technology and Innovation Update (pgs 132- 135)**

* What were some of the major achievements of Greek Civilization and how did they influence cultures?
* How did Hellenistic Culture become a blend of many traditions?
* How has knowledge about the world been changed due to technological advancements?