



School-Home Connection

Your child has just read the selection “Look Into the Past: The Greeks and the Romans” by Susan Williams and Peter Hicks. The selection first informs readers about the way of life of the ancient Greeks. Then it focuses on the growth of the Roman Empire, the culture at the height of its civilization, and events leading to its fall. By linking these civilizations with ours, the selection supports the theme Unlocking the Past. You might enjoy discussing this selection with your child. You might try these activities with your child to develop and explore his or her language skills.

In the News

The selection informs students about ancient Greeks and Romans. Scan travel sections in newspapers and magazines with your child to locate information about present-day Greece and Italy. Information related to Athens and Rome would be of particular interest.

VOCABULARY

Picture This!

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “Look Into the Past: The Greeks and the Romans”:

emblem	mosaic
hygiene	aqueduct
reconstruct	provinces

For each word, invite your child to draw a simple picture that conveys its meaning. Then guess which word he or she has depicted.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Connections with Ancient Greece and Rome

Talk with your child about the influences of ancient Greece and Rome on today’s society. Help your child list some of the influences evident in your town or area. You might also tour your town with your child to look at outdoor theaters, sports stadiums, or buildings with columns, domes, or arches.

