

**Classical Conversations
Foundations – Fourth Edition
Cycle 1 – History Sentences**

1	<p>Tell me about commandments 1-5. <i>Thou shalt...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have no other gods before me. 2. not make unto thee any graven image. 3. not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. 4. remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 5. honor thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land the Lord thy God giveth thee. 														
2	<p>Tell me about commandments 6-10. <i>Thou shalt...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. not kill. 7. not commit adultery. 8. not steal. 9. not bear false witness against thy neighbor. 10. not covet. 														
3	<p>Tell me about the Greek and Roman gods.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Greek gods</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Roman gods</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zeus</td> <td>Jupiter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hera</td> <td>Juno</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ares</td> <td>Mars</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aphrodite</td> <td>Venus</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Artemis</td> <td>Diana</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hermes</td> <td>Mercury</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Greek gods</u>	<u>Roman gods</u>	Zeus	Jupiter	Hera	Juno	Ares	Mars	Aphrodite	Venus	Artemis	Diana	Hermes	Mercury
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4	<p>Tell me about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are: the Great Pyramids, Hanging Gardens, Temple of Artemis, Statue of Zeus, the Mausoleum, Pharos Lighthouse, and Colossus of Rhodes.</p>														
5	<p>Tell me about the split of the Roman Empire. The Roman Republic fought the Punic Wars, which were followed by the <i>Pax Romana</i>. In 286 AD, the empire divided</p>														

	into the Western and Eastern empires until Germanic barbarians defeated the Western Empire, in 476 AD.
6	Tell me about the fall of Rome. Taxes, slavery, unemployment, and diseases all contributed to the fall of Rome.
7	Tell me about Hinduism. Hinduism, founded around 1500 BC, teaches Brahman is the “one great spirit” and that people are divided into castes. Founded around 530 BC, Buddhism teaches that Siddhartha was the “enlightened one”.
8	Tell me about the Age of Imperialism. During the Age of Imperialism, the British established rule over India in 1858, and Queen Victoria was declared the Empress of India in 1877. Before his assassination in 1948, Mohandas Gandhi led the passive resistance movement, which helped win India’s independence.
9	Tell me about Confucius. Confucius, who lived from 551 BC to 479 BC, taught obedience and respect. Taoism means “The Path” and emphasizes harmony with nature.
10	Tell me about the Heian Empire. As the Heian government weakened in Japan, Shoguns began to rule and expelled all foreigners during the period of isolation. Circa 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry of the U.S. restored trade, allowing the Meiji to modernize Japan.
11	Tell me about the Byzantine Empire. In 313 AD, Byzantine Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity. Emperor Justinian’s Code gave rights to all men. After Basil II and the Golden Age, Muslim Turks conquered parts of the Byzantine Empire, which led to the Crusades.
12	Tell me about the Muslim Empire. In 622 AD, the Muslim Empire’s religion was founded by Muhammad who worshiped Allah. The Ottoman Empire

	expanded the Muslim Empire until weakness forced westernization.
13	Tell me about the Kush. The Kush mined gold along the Nile River from 2000 BC to 350 AD. The Berbers traded gold, iron, and salt in the desert.
14	Tell me about the Songhai. In the 1400s, the Songhai ruled Timbuktu. The Zanj were skilled craftsmen and traders. The Zimbabweans were wealthy, skillful stone craftsmen.
15	Tell me about Henry the Navigator. In the 1400s, Henry the Navigator established colonial rule in Africa, leading to slave trade between the Portuguese and the Ashanti.
16	Tell me about the civilizations of Mesoamerica. Three of the advanced civilizations of Mesoamerica from 1200 BC to 1500 AD were the Olmecs, the Mayans, and the Aztecs.
17	Tell me about the Aztecs. The Aztecs used pyramids in rituals of human sacrifice. Their civilization began to fall when Hernán Cortés of Spain defeated Montezuma in 1519.
18	Tell me about the Mound Builders. Circa 1000 BC to 1450 AD, three North American mound-building civilizations were the Adena, the Hopewell, and the Mississippians.
19	Tell me about the Anasazi. The Anasazi of the southwestern United States built adobe villages on the sides of cliffs from 500 BC to 1200 AD.
20	Tell me about the Mexican Revolution. Circa 1910, during the Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata fought the federales for “Land and Liberty.”
21	Tell me about the exploration of Canada.

	John Cabot and Samuel de Champlain explored Canada and the St. Lawrence River. Creation of the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1670, eventually led to war between Britain and France. The maple leaf is the symbol of Canada.
22	Tell me about the British North America Act (1867). The British North America Act established the Dominion of Canada. The Canada gained total independence from Britain in 1982. French is spoken in the province of Quebec.
23	Tell me about the liberation of South America. In the early 1800s, San Martin of Argentina, O'Higgins of Chile, and Simòn Bolívar of Venezuela fought to liberate South America from Spain.
24	Tell me about Napoleon. When Napoleon threatened the Portuguese Empire, King John VI fled to Brazil. His son, Dom Pedro, granted Brazil independence in 1822.