

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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## World Civilizations



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## World Civilizations Course Overview

World Civilizations examines the growth of human society from our earliest beginnings to the present. Students will study such topics as agricultural societies, ancient civilizations, empires, trade, and migration. Students will also gain practice in researching, using technology, and writing through various projects. In addition to the default course program, World Civilization includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **Unit 1:** Students will discover how history is studied and the methods that are used to gather information. They will identify the early humans, their characteristics, and their lifestyles.
- **Unit 2:** Students will examine rise of early civilizations and their characteristics and identify the Indo-European invaders and their effects while evaluating the advances in weapons and tools.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe the classical tradition, the development of major religions, and the giant empires with a focus on Greek and Roman societies.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe the fall of the empires and the emergence of the Middle Ages in Europe. They will examine the dominant religions of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, while also discovering the civilizations of Asia, Oceania, Africa, and the Americas.
- **Unit 5:** Students will examine the civilizations and dynasties of Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas from approximately 1000 A.D. to 1500 A.D.
- **Unit 6:** Students will identify the significant discoveries of the Age of Exploration, the colonization of the New World, the impacts of Europeans going eastward, the Renaissance, and the Scientific Revolution.
- **Unit 7:** Students will evaluate the many revolutions and conflicts that took place from 1750-1914 in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
- **Unit 8:** Students will examine various military conflicts including World War I, the Russian Revolution, the Great Depression, the road to World War II, the independence movements in Asia and Africa, and the Chinese Revolution.
- **Unit 9:** Students will identify important events of the Cold War, describe the relationship between the United States and Soviet Union, identify apartheid in South Africa, examine the Israeli-Palestine conflict, identify the growth of terrorism, and evaluate globalization.
- **Unit 10:** Students will examine long term changes and recurring patterns in history and compare and contrast different economic systems.

Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society				
World Civilizations	Assignments			
	1.	Course Overview	12.	Impact and Influences of Early Agricultural Societies
	2.	Why Study History?	13.	Social and Cultural Conditions of Early Agricultural Societies
	3.	Who Studies History?	14.	Hunters and Farmers
	4.	Study Methods	15.	Quiz 3: Life Centered on Agriculture
	5.	Project: Point of View	16.	Special Project*
	6.	Quiz 1: What is History?	17.	Review
	7.	People's Earliest Beginnings	18.	Test
	8.	Effects of Environment and Geography on the Human Race's Development	19.	Alternate Test*
	9.	How Early Humans Communicated	20.	Glossary and Credits
	10.	Project: Environment		
	11.	Quiz 2: The Emergence of the Human Race		

Unit 2: Early Civilizations, 4000 - 1000 B.C.		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. The Meaning of Civilization	11. Inventions and Discoveries
	2. River Valley Civilizations	12. Early Language Development
	3. Egypt	13. Transformations in Human History
	4. China	14. Project: Indo-European Groups
	5. Essay: Environment	15. Quiz 3: Patterns of Growth
	6. Quiz 1: The Rise of Early Civilizations	16. Special Project*
	7. The Hittites	17. Review
	8. The Aryans	18. Test
	9. The Myceneans	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: Indo-European Invaders	20. Glossary and Credits

Unit 3: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires, 1000 B.C. - A. D. 300		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. The Middle East and Africa	12. Large Regional Empires
	2. Greece	13. Classical Civilizations
	3. The Hellenistic Period	14. Project: Timeline
	4. Essay: Trade	15. Quiz 3: Global Trends
	5. Quiz 1: The Emergence of Empires	16. Special Project*
	6. Rome	17. Review
	7. Rome's Legacy	18. Test
	8. China and India	19. Alternate Test*
	9. The Olmecs	20. Glossary and Credits
	10. Quiz 2: Other Empires and Civilizations	
	11. Belief Systems	

Unit 4: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter, A.D. 300-1000		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. Decline and Changes	12. Africa
	2. Europe Redefined	13. Mayan and Incan Societies
	3. Charlemagne and Clovis	14. Cultural Interaction
	4. Christianity and Buddhism	15. Quiz 3: Africa, and Mesoamerica
	5. Essay: Influence of Religion	16. Project: Analogy
	6. Quiz 1: Beginnings and Ends	17. Special Project*
	7. The Gupta Empire	18. Review
	8. Eastern Asia	19. Test
	9. Southern Asia	20. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: Lasting Kingdoms	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. The Spread of Islam	

**Unit 5: Political and Economic Societies Expand, A.D. 1000-1500****Assignments**

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| 1. China                                    | 12. Africa                                      |
| 2. Japan and Southeast Asia                 | 13. Mesoamerica and the Andes                   |
| 3. Trade and Migration                      | 14. North American Societies                    |
| 4. Regional Comparisons                     | 15. The Americas and Afro-Eurasia in Comparison |
| 5. Quiz 1: Growth and Change in Asia        | 16. Project: Events and Trends                  |
| 6. Middle Ages: Key Events                  | 17. Quiz 3: Africa and the Americas             |
| 7. Middle Ages: Key Figures and Humanism    | 18. Special Project*                            |
| 8. Project: Comparison Matrix               | 19. Review                                      |
| 9. The Clashing of Religions                | 20. Test  |
| 10. The Black Plague                        | 21. Alternate Test*                             |
| 11. Quiz 2: Christianity, Islam, and Europe | 22. Glossary and Credits                        |

**Unit 6: Global Expansion and Encounter, 1450-1770****Assignments**

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| 1. European Exploratory and Commercial Expeditions | 12. Quiz 2: Changes in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa |
| 2. Conquest and Colonization of the New World      | 13. The Ming Dynasty                                       |
| 3. European Imperialism in Asia                    | 14. Japan and Korea  |
| 4. Project: Exploratory Routes                     | 15. The Spread of Religions                                |
| 5. Quiz 1: Age of Exploration and Colonization     | 16. Continuity in Societies                                |
| 6. The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment | 17. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies             |
| 7. Renaissance and Reformation                     | 18. Special Project*                                       |
| 8. The Ottoman, Mughal, and Safavid Empires        | 19. Review   |
| 9. African Resistance, Slavery, and Development    | 20. Test   |
| 10. Project: Florence and the Renaissance          | 21. Alternate Test*  |
| 11. Project: Florence and the Renaissance          | 22. Glossary and Credits                                   |

**Unit 7: Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914****Assignments**

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| 1. The French Revolution                                    | 12. Trade                                      |
| 2. Independence Movements                                   | 13. Slavery and Migration                      |
| 3. The Industrial Revolution                                | 14. Religion                                   |
| 4. Project: Comparison                                      | 15. Population Trends                          |
| 5. Quiz 1: Age of Revolutions                               | 16. Essay: Migration Motives                   |
| 6. North America  | 17. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies |
| 7. Europe   | 18. Special Project*                           |
| 8. Africa, India, and Eurasia                               | 19. Review                                     |
| 9. China and Japan  | 20. Test                                       |
| 10. Project: Forms of Government in China, Japan, and India | 21. Alternate Test*                            |
| 11. Quiz 2: Regional Changes                                | 22. Glossary and Credits                       |

Unit 8: A Half-Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. The State of the World	12. Quiz 2: Achievement and Crisis
	2. The Causes of World War I	13. Africa
	3. Revolutions	14. Ideologies
	4. Project: Themes in Relationships	15. Totalitarianism
	5. The Effects of World War I	16. Essay: Compare Causes of Wars
	6. Quiz 1: The World at War	17. Quiz 3: New Patterns
	7. Discoveries	18. Special Project*
	8. The Great Depression	19. Review
	9. World War II (A New Threat)	20. Test
	10. World War II (Europe)	21. Alternate Test*
	11. World War II (Asia and the Pacific)	22. Glossary and Credits
Unit 9: The Twentieth Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. The Cold War, 1947-1970	12. Quiz 2: A Surge in Nationalism
	2. The Cold War, 1970-1991	13. Middle East: Government and Geography
	3. Economics of Southern Asia	14. Middle East: Economics and Culture
	4. Project: Economic Growth in Asia	15. Project: The Middle East: Compare and Contrast
	5. Project: The Cold War	16. Project: September 11, 2001
	6. Political Boundaries	17. Quiz: The Middle East
	7. Quiz 1: International Tension	18. Special Project
	8. Israel and Palestine	19. Review
	9. Africa: Government	20. Test
	10. Africa: Economics	21. Alternate Test
	11. Africa: Culture and Apartheid	22. Glossary and Credits
Unit 10: World History Across the Eras		
World Civilizations	Assignments	
	1. Changes in World Population	11. Quiz 2: Economic Systems
	2. The Emergence of a Global Culture	12. Nation-States
	3. The Environment	13. Revolutions
	4. Pandemics	14. Quiz 3: Nation-States and Revolutions
	5. Essay: Population Growth	15. Special Project
	6. Quiz 1: Global Developments	16. Review
	7. Comparing Economic Systems	17. Test
	8. The History of Capitalism	18. Alternate Test
	9. Personal Finance	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Project: Market and Command Economies	

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment