

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

World History



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World History Course Overview

World History explores the people, events, and ideas that have shaped history from the beginnings of human society to the present day. Students will study such topics as ancient civilizations, empires, exploration, the world wars, and globalization. Students will also gain practice in research using technology and writing through various projects. In addition to the default course program, World History 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 lifestyles.
- **Unit 2:** Students will know the characteristics of a civilization and identify the early river valley civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China. They will examine how those civilizations evolved, agriculture developed, and kingdoms emerged.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe the classical traditions, development of major religions, and the growth of giant empires by looking at the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and the Chinese.
- **Unit 4:** Students will explain the reasons for the fall of early empires, examine changes in religions, and identify the effects of migration and trade on the New World.
- **Unit 5:** Students will identify 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 7:** Students will know the reasons for and effects of exploration and colonization by European countries. They will examine the history of imperialism, the Renaissance, the Inquisition, and the Reformation.
- **Unit 8:** Students will evaluate the many revolutions and conflicts that took place from 1750-1914 in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. They will also identify the characteristics of the Industrial Revolution and European Imperialism in Asia and Africa.
- **Unit 9:** Students will compare and contrast the causes and results of the World Wars. They will also gain knowledge on the Boer War and the Russian and Chinese Revolutions.
- **Unit 10:** Students will understand the major events of the Cold War. They will also examine the effects of World War II including independence movements and globalization.
- **Unit 11:** Students will describe the major issues affecting nations today, including globalization, population growth, pandemics, and immigration. They will also examine types of economic systems and the history of capitalism.

Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society			
Assignments			
World History	1.	Course Overview	12. Humans Migrate and Adapt
	2.	Studying History	13. Populating Regions of the Earth
	3.	Historical Fields and Methods	14. Quiz: Peopling of the Earth
	4.	Analyzing and Using Media*	15. Establishing Agricultural Communities
	5.	Study Methods of History	16. Developing Agricultural Societies
	6.	Perspectives of History	17. Quiz: Life Centered on Agriculture
	7.	Analyzing Documents*	18. Special Project*
	8.	Project: Point of View	19. Review
	9.	Quiz: Introduction to History	20. Test: The Beginnings of Human Society
	10.	Reconstructing Early Hominid Development	21. Alternate Test: The Beginnings of Human Society*
	11.	Rewards from Refuse	22. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Early River Valley Civilizations		
World History	Assignments	
	1. Getting Civilized	11. Mycenaean Civilization
	2. Emerging River Valley Civilizations	12. An Adventure in Moving
	3. Inventing Writing	13. Getting Civilized: Revisited
	4. Trading Commerce and Culture	14. Project: Cultural Exchange
	5. Quiz: Early River Valley Civilizations	15. Quiz: Pastoral People and Population Movement
	6. Developing Chinese Civilizations	16. Special Project*
	7. New Centers of Agrarian Societies	17. Review
	8. Quiz: Rising Agrarian Societies	18. Test: Early River Valley Civilizations
	9. People of Pastoral Societies	19. Alternate Test: Early River Valley Civilizations*
	10. Emergence of New Kingdoms	20. Glossary and Credits
Unit 3: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires		
World History	Assignments	
	1. Egyptian and Kush Societies	12. Building Religions and Empires
	2. Spread of Judaism	13. Compare the Greek and Roman Societies
	3. Iron, Innovation, and Interaction	14. Project: Legal Traditions
	4. Quiz: Times are Changing	15. Quiz: Emergence of Major Religions and Empires
	5. Legacy of Athens	16. Special Project*
	6. Greek Cultural Achievements	17. Review
	7. Cultural Influence of the Hellenic Period	18. Test: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires
	8. Persian Civilization	19. Alternate Test: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires*
	9. Quiz: Classical Greece	20. Glossary and Credits
	10. All Roads Lead to Rome	
	11. Emergence of Christianity	
Unit 4: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter		
World History	Assignments	
	1. Fall of the Roman and Han Empires	11. Migration and Oceania
	2. Gupta Empire of India	12. Project: Folk Tales
	3. Religious Exchange and Encounter	13. Quiz: Sharing and Imposing Cultures
	4. Quiz: Expanding Empires and Religions	14. Special Project*
	5. Conflict and Change in the Middle East	15. Review
	6. Changing Religious Landscape of Europe	16. Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter
	7. The Tang Dynasty	17. Alternate Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter*
	8. Quiz: Encountering Islamic and Byzantine Civilizations	18. Glossary and Credits
	9. Traveling Africa With the Bantus	
	10. Classical Mesoamerican Cities and Civilizations	

Unit 5: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500		
World History	Assignments	
	1. China's Expansion	14. Quiz: Expanding States and Empires
	2. Japanese and Southeast Asian Cultures	15. Crisis of the Black Death
	3. European Monarchies and City-States	16. Project: Planning for a Crisis
	4. Patterns of European Cultural Changes	17. Europe's Uprisings
	5. Quiz: China and Europe: Two Centers of Growth	18. Quiz: Patterns of Crisis and Recovery
	6. Rise of the Mongol Empire	19. Special Project*
	7. The Mongols' Mark on Global History	20. Review
	8. Aftermath of Mongol Dominance	21. Test: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500
	9. Quiz: Age of the Mongol Empire	22. Alternate Test: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500*
	10. Long Reach of Islam	23. Glossary and Credits
	11. Religious Reforms and Rising Empires	
	12. Rise of Imperial States in Sub-Saharan Africa	
	13. Expanding America's Empires	
Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam		
	Assignments	
	1. Review: World History Semester I	3. Alternate Exam: World History Semester I - Form A*
	2. Exam: World History Semester I	4. Alternate Exam: World History Semester I - Form B*
Unit 7: Global Expansion and Encounter		
World History	Assignments	
	1. Portuguese Influence	12. The Mughal Empire
	2. Spanish Influence at Home and Abroad	13. Two Great Middle East Empires: Ottoman and Safavid
	3. Economic Transformation	14. Late Chinese Dynasties
	4. Encounter and Expansion in Africa	15. Quiz: Empires of Eurasia
	5. Quiz: Regional and Global Transformations	16. Special Project*
	6. The Renaissance	17. Review
	7. European Political Transformation	18. Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter
	8. The Protestant Reformation	19. Alternate Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter*
	9. Project: Christianity, Individualism, and Secularism	20. Glossary and Credits
	10. Political, Social, and Economic Factors of the European World View	
	11. Quiz: Transformation of European Society	
Unit 8: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914		
World History	Assignments	
	1. Latin American Revolutions	13. China
	2. The French Revolution	14. Japan
	3. Russia	15. New Imperialism in Africa
	4. Revolutions of 1848	16. Impact of American and French Revolutions
	5. Quiz: Democratic Revolutions and Ideologies	17. Quiz: European Dominance
	6. Industrialization in England	18. Special Project*
	7. Slavery and Abolition	19. Review
	8. Ideology and Reforms in the Industrial Age	20. Test: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914
	9. Social and Political Reform	21. Alternate Test: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914*
	10. Quiz: The Industrial Revolution	22. Glossary and Credits
	11. European Immigration	
	12. New Imperialism in Asia	

Unit 9: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945**Assignments**

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| 1. Revolting in Russia | 14. Chinese Transformations of the 1920s-1930s |
| 2. World War I | 15. Cultural Movement and Change |
| 3. Influential Thinkers: Einstein, Freud, and Picasso | 16. Project: Poetry Explication and Recitation |
| 4. Causes of World War II | 17. Global Trends to World War II |
| 5. Project: Change the World | 18. Quiz: Search for Stability and Social Change |
| 6. Holocaust of World War II | 19. Special Project* |
| 7. Consequences of the World Wars | 20. Review |
| 8. Quiz: Thirty Years in the Twentieth Century | 21. Test: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945 |
| 9. South African War | 22. Alternate Test: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945* |
| 10. Reforms in the Ottoman Empire | 23. Glossary and Credits |
| 11. China's Revolutions | |
| 12. India's Struggle for Independence | |
| 13. Quiz: Wars, Revolutions, and Reforms | |

Unit 10: The 20th Century since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes**Assignments**

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| 1. Political Effects of World War II | 13. Project: Women in History |
| 2. Postwar Reconstruction | 14. Fundamentalism and Terrorism |
| 3. The United Nations | 15. Global Economics |
| 4. The Cold War | 16. Information and Technological Revolution |
| 5. Project: Cold War | 17. Quiz: Promises and Paradoxes |
| 6. Quiz: Post War Effects | 18. Special Project* |
| 7. Nationalism and Asia | 19. Review |
| 8. The "Scramble for Africa" and Independence | 20. Test: The 20th Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes |
| 9. Nationalism in Eastern Europe | 21. Alternate Test: The 20th Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes* |
| 10. Project: Government Violence | 22. Glossary and Credits |
| 11. Quiz: Global Nationalism | |
| 12. Changes in Contemporary Society | |

Unit 11: Early River Valley Civilizations**Assignments**

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| 1. Four Turning Points | 12. Quiz: Recurring Patterns |
| 2. Impact of the Scientific Revolution | 13. Comparative Economic Systems |
| 3. Project: Scientists and Inventors | 14. The History of Capitalism |
| 4. Project: U.S. Population | 15. Quiz: Economic Systems |
| 5. Changing World Population | 16. Special Project* |
| 6. Pandemics of the World | 17. Review |
| 7. Quiz: Turning Points in Human History | 18. Test: The Turning Points in Human History |
| 8. European Dominance | 19. Alternate Test: The Turning Points in Human History* |
| 9. Political Revolutions | 20. Glossary and Credits |
| 10. Project: Citizenship | |
| 11. Nation-States | |

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam**Assignments**

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| 1. Review: World History Semester II | 3. Alternate Exam: World History Semester II - Form A* |
| 2. Exam: World History Semester II | 4. Alternate Exam: World History Semester II - Form B* |

Unit 13: Final Exam**Assignments**

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| 1. Exam: World History | 3. Alternate Exam: World History - Form B* |
| 2. Alternate Exam: World History - Form A* | |

(*) Indicates alternative assignment