

Course Description

ADVANCED PLACEMENT*: AP World History

COURSE DESCRIPTION: AP World History covers the history of the world from 600 C.E. to the present with an introduction unit on the period before (covering around 8000 B.C.E to 600 C.E.). The course emphasizes "patterns of change" and the connections between the various world cultures throughout the time period being studied. Students will gain an understanding of the global experiences of humanity and be able to apply that knowledge to their growth and development as "world citizens." The class has two major goals: 1) to prepare students to be successful on the AP World History exam and 2) to provide students with an understanding on why the world developed the way it did.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters or Block

REQUIRED TEXT: *World Civilization: The Global Experience* (AP Edition) — Stearns and others Longman/Pearson, 3rd/2003 ISBN: 0321099699

RECOMMENDED TEXT: *The Origins of the Modern World* — Robert Marks Rowman & Littlefield, 1st/2003 ISBN: 0742517543

Hammond Historical World Atlas — Hammond, ISBN: 0843713909

Rand McNally Historical Atlas of the World — Rand McNally, ISBN: 0528839691

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester I

Unit 1: Foundations (c. 8000 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.)

Unit 2: World History, 600 C.E. to 1450 C.E. Two Worlds (Eurasia & Americas)

Unit 3: World History 1450 C.E. to 1750 C.E. World in Collision & Change

Semester II

Unit 4: World History 1750 C.E. to 1914 C.E. One World Triumphs

Unit 5: World History 1914 C.E. to the Present, Globalization: A Work in Progress (Creation of the Global Village)

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