

World History

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a survey of world history from prehistoric to contemporary times. Students will learn about the socio-economic, political, and ideological conditions of various time periods as they study historical events and cultural achievements of world regions. Using primary and secondary sources, they will utilize critical thinking and problem solving skills as they conduct inquiry-based research, participate in interactive discussions, and complete assignments establishing real-world connections.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Identify how and why people, goods, and ideas migrated throughout global history
- Explain how the geography of a region impacted the growth and development of a civilization
- Identify social, political, economic, and ideological conditions of major eras in world history
- Describe the structure of society and family in historical cultures based on societal factors
- Interpret and analyze statistics and data from maps, charts, and graphs
- Summarize the achievements of civilizations, particularly in the fields of science, technology, and the arts, and how they spread through cultural diffusion
- Compare and contrast the development and beliefs of the major world religious and philosophical traditions and explain how the spread to other regions
- Summarize the characteristics of early political systems and their influence on modern-day governments
- Discuss the impact of European imperialism and colonization, and defend the connection between revolution and reform
- Identify the effect of industrialization and urbanization on the global economy
- Articulate the relationship between historical occurrences and contemporary situations
- Predict how contemporary issues will affect future generations, based on historical evidence

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1

Dawn of Civilization

- Beginnings of Civilization
- Ancient Near East
- Nile Civilizations
- Ancient India and China
- Unit Exam

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COURSE OUTLINE (continued):

Growth of Civilizations

- Classical Greece
- Rome and Early Christianity
- The Americas
- Empires of China and India
- Unit Exam

Medieval Civilizations

- Muslim Civilization
- African Kingdoms
- Cultures of East Asia
- Kingdoms, Christianity, and the Middle Ages in Europe
- Unit Exam

Semester Exam

Semester 2

New Ideas, new Empires

- Renaissance and Reformation
- Exploration and Expansion
- New Asian Empires
- Absolutism, Enlightenment, and Revolution
- Unit Exam

Reform, Nationalism, and Imperialism

- Nationalism, Reform, and Revolution
- Imperialism, Reform, and Nationalism
- World War I
- Peace, Revolution, and its Aftermath
- Unit Exam

World War II to the Contemporary Period

- World War II
- Europe and North America
- Asia and Latin America
- Africa and the Middle East
- Unit Exam

Semester Exam