

Course Description:

World History (1 of 2) explores key events and global historical developments, from hunter-gatherer societies to the Industrial Revolution. It begins with an analysis of early prehistoric people from the Paleolithic era and the ancient cultures of Mesopotamia. Students will follow the rise and fall of early empires, then consider the fall of the Roman Empire and its aftermath. Continuing through the Middle Ages, students will analyze the Crusades, feudalism, the plague, and Asian empires.

Then, they will explore the effects of the Renaissance and Protestant Reformation on human culture and analyze conflicts between the Roman Catholic Church and its reformers (both Protestant and Catholic).

Students will then move on to the Age of Discovery, studying

- European explorers seeking new trade routes to Asia
- the discovery of the Americas
- the rise of joint-stock companies
- the slave trade
- the emergence of the American colonies

Then, students will analyze important revolutions in history, including Latin American revolutions, the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, the American and French Revolutions, and the Industrial Revolution.

Throughout the course, students will examine and analyze materials that describe historical periods. They will interact with primary and secondary sources: readings, biographies, and other materials that paint a picture of world history and encourage students to explore historical topics. Discussions with peers will help students think creatively and critically about history. The project that spans the course is designed to develop and sharpen the students' writing skills.

Course Objectives:

- Analyze primary and secondary sources.
- Demonstrate comprehension of history/social studies texts.
- Analyze the Agricultural Revolution by examining how it influenced the development of human settlements, society, religion, and culture.
- Analyze ancient empires and their impact on later civilizations by examining their contributions to government, citizenship, religion, and culture.
- Analyze historical data from a variety of media.
- Assess the impact of the Roman Catholic Church by examining patterns of change in European society in the 12th to 16th centuries.
- Evaluate the effects of the Renaissance by analyzing how it led to scientific and artistic innovations.
- Identify conflicts between the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant and Catholic reformers by examining key religious issues of the Reformation era.
- Analyze the Age of Discovery by examining how trade and religion motivated European nations to expand and colonize.
- Examine the historical developments of the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment by evaluating its lasting effect on religious, political, and cultural institutions.
- Explain the American, French, and Latin American revolutions by analyzing their impact on democracy.
- Identify how the Industrial Revolution impacted society by examining significant inventors, inventions, and working and living conditions of workers.

Required Materials:

In course.

Course Overview:

Unit 1: Early Civilizations

- Lesson 1: Early Migration and Settlement
- Lesson 2: Mesopotamia
- Lesson 3: Ancient Greece, Rome, and Egypt
- Lesson 4: Ancient Asia
- Lesson 5: Europe, the Americas, and Africa

Unit 2: World in Transition

- Lesson 6: Byzantine Empire
- Lesson 7: Islamic Empire
- Lesson 8: Middle Ages and Feudalism
- Lesson 9: Crusades
- Lesson 10: China

Unit 3: Renaissance and Reformation

- Lesson 11: Southern Renaissance
- Lesson 12: Northern Renaissance
- Lesson 13: Protestant Reformation
- Lesson 14: The Counter-Reformation
- Lesson 15: A Brave New World

Unit 4: Exploration, Encounters, and Exchanges

- Lesson 16: Age of Discovery
- Lesson 17: Asian and African Exploration
- Lesson 18: Europe Claims the Americas
- Lesson 19: Joint-Stock Companies and Slave Trade
- Lesson 20: American Colonies

Unit 5: Revolution

- Lesson 21: Scientific Revolution
- Lesson 22: Enlightenment
- Lesson 23: American and French Revolutions
- Lesson 24: Latin American Revolutions
- Lesson 25: Industrial Revolution

Unit 6: Review and Final Exam

- Lesson 26: Unit 1 Review
- Lesson 27: Unit 2 Review
- Lesson 28: Unit 3 Review
- Lesson 29: Unit 4 Review
- Lesson 30: Unit 5 Review, Final Exam