

## Course Description:

**World History (2 of 2)** traces the developments of the last 250 years that have shaped the modern world. It begins by examining the origins of modern Western imperialism—or the building of empires. This includes the influence of the Industrial Revolution and reactions to groups based on culture and ethnicity. Students will analyze the deep cultural, economic, and political impacts that imperialism had on Africa and Asia, including the rise of Japan.

From there, they examine how imperialism and nationalism contributed to the outbreak of World War I, and how the Treaty of Versailles contributed to the rise of fascism in Europe and the start of World War II. They will also analyze the changing, destructive nature of 20th century warfare and atrocities such as the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust.

Next, students will analyze the global struggle between different ideas supported by the United States and the Soviet Union. Students will see how the forces of capitalism and democracy fought against Communism in what became known as the Cold War. This includes conflicts in places such as Korea, Vietnam, newly independent African countries, and many Latin American nations.

Finally, the course will evaluate the challenges in our modern world, including pressing environmental issues, recent acts of terrorism and genocide, and cybercrimes. The course will also explore the increasing interconnectedness of the world economy and cultures by examining the Internet's influence on trade and cultural exchange.

Throughout the course, students examine and analyze materials that describe historical periods and interact with primary and secondary sources, readings, and other materials that paint a picture of world history. They engage in class discussions with peers that require them to think creatively and critically about topics. Lastly, the course includes a project that involves research and writing.

## Course Objectives:

- Analyze the development of New Imperialism by considering the influence of previous colonization in the Americas, the Industrial Revolution, and ethnocentrism.
- Evaluate the positive and negative effects of New Imperialism by identifying how it has helped shape the development of large parts of Africa and Asia.
- Evaluate the causes of World War I by analyzing how imperialism and nationalism contributed to a climate of competition and tension.
- Analyze the causes of World War II by examining the Treaty of Versailles and the economic crisis of the Great Depression on the rise of fascism.
- Identify the changing nature of warfare by examining new, more destructive weapons and methods in the 20th century.
- Identify major atrocities committed in the 20th century by examining the causes and effects of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and other modern genocides.
- Examine how the Cold War contributed to developments in Africa, Asia, and Latin America by considering the impacts of proxy conflicts, economic and military aid, and alliances.
- Identify important modern global challenges by examining environmental issues, terrorism, and cybercrimes.
- Analyze how the invention of the Internet has changed society by examining its influence on the increase in trade and cultural exchange.

- Analyze the emergence of globalization throughout the world and the policies implemented by various nations to address political, economic, environmental, and social issues that have arisen as a result.
- Analyze historical data from a variety of media.

## Required Materials:

In course.

## Course Overview:

### Unit 1 Imperialism

- Lesson 1: Colonization to Imperialism
- Lesson 2: The Little Tyrant
- Lesson 3: Age of Imperialism
- Lesson 4: Impacting the Colonies
- Lesson 5: Colonial Reaction

### Unit 2 Nationalism

- Lesson 6: Nationalism
- Lesson 7: The Great War
- Lesson 8: The Eastern Front
- Lesson 9: The Armenian Genocide
- Lesson 10: The Great War Ends

### Unit 3 Global Conflicts

- Lesson 11: Between the Wars
- Lesson 12: Beginning of World War II
- Lesson 13: European Theater
- Lesson 14: Holocaust
- Lesson 15: Pacific Theater

### Unit 4 The Cold War

- Lesson 16: The Cold War Begins
- Lesson 17: Korean War
- Lesson 18: Cold War Competition
- Lesson 19: Vietnam War
- Lesson 20: Collapse of the Soviet Union

### Unit 5 The World Today

- Lesson 21: Power Shifts
- Lesson 22: Terrorism
- Lesson 23: Interdependence
- Lesson 24: Global Issues
- Lesson 25: Technological Terrors

### 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, Vocabulary Exam
- Lesson 30: Unit 5 Review, Final Exam