

Course Description:

World History Honors (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. The course will analyze the deep cultural, economic, and political impacts that imperialism had on Africa and Asia, including the rise of Japan.

The course examines factors contributing to World Wars I and II and their aftermath. It explores the global struggle between different ideas supported by the United States and the Soviet Union. This includes conflicts in places such as Korea, Vietnam, newly independent African countries, and many Latin American nations. It evaluates the challenges in the modern world, including pressing environmental issues, acts of terrorism and genocide, and cybercrimes. The course also explores the world economy and cultural exchange.

Throughout the course, students examine and analyze materials that describe historical periods. They interact with primary and secondary sources. Discussions with peers will help students think creatively and critically about history. Projects help develop and sharpen the students' writing skills.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the development of New Imperialism.
- Explain the positive and negative effects of New Imperialism.
- Explain the causes of World War I.
- Explain the causes of World War II.
- Describe new, more destructive weapons and methods in the 20th century.
- Identify major atrocities committed in the 20th century.
- Describe how the Cold War contributed to developments in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- Identify important modern global challenges by examining environmental issues, terrorism, and cybercrimes.
- Explain how the invention of the Internet has changed society.
- Describe the causes and effects of colonization.
- Examine graphs, charts, and primary sources for data.
- Describe the emergence of globalization and policies implemented by various nations to address political, economic, environmental, and social issues that have arisen as a result.
- Evaluate sources and historical points of view to defend a position.
- Compare and contrast present events with past events.

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 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 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 5 The World Today

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

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 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