

## Course Description:

Welcome to MS World History: Ancient Times to 1770s (1 of 2)! In this course, you will explore the social, cultural, and technological changes that occurred in Europe, Africa, and Asia in the years AD 500–1789. Get ready to travel through the ancient world! You discover how archaeologists and historians uncover the past as you study the history and geography of great civilizations during medieval and early modern times.

Throughout the course, you examine and analyze readings, videos, primary sources, timelines, and other materials that paint a picture of historical topics. Discussions with peers help you to think creatively and critically about topics. The projects that span the course are designed to develop and sharpen your writing skills.

## Major Concepts

- Ancient Rome
- Medieval Africa
- Medieval China
- Medieval Europe
- Medieval Japan
- Medieval Mesoamerica
- Medieval South America
- Rise of Christianity
- Rise of Islam

## Course Objectives:

- Explain the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.
- Describe the origins and influence of major religions.
- Explain how the geography of a region influences its development.
- Explain life in Middle Ages Europe.
- Explain the development of states and cities in West Africa.
- Describe the culture of Mesoamerican societies.
- Explain cause and effect in historical events.
- Compare the Mongol and Ming dynasties.
- Explain the development of Japanese culture.

## Required Materials:

In course.

## Schedule of Work:

### **Unit 1 Ancient Rome**

Lesson 1: Roman Beginnings

Lesson 2: Roman Government and Economy

Lesson 3: Roman Culture

Lesson 4: Faith and Beliefs in Ancient Rome

Lesson 5: Fall of the Roman Empire

**Unit 2 The Muslim World**

Lesson 6: Islamic Beginnings

Lesson 7: Islamic Life

Lesson 8: Spread of Islam

Lesson 9: Islamic Golden Age

Lesson 10: Seljuq Turks and the Crusades

**Unit 3 Feudal Europe**

Lesson 11: Early Middle Ages Europe

Lesson 12: Early European Kingdoms and Feudalism

Lesson 13: New Kingdoms and Crusades

Lesson 14: Medieval Christianity

Lesson 15: Life in the Middle Ages

**Unit 4 Africa and the Americas**

Lesson 16: Empire of Ghana

Lesson 17: Empire of Mali

Lesson 18: Olmec and Maya

Lesson 19: Chavin and Inca

Lesson 20: Toltec and Aztec

**Unit 5 Asian Civilizations**

Lesson 21: China

Lesson 22: Tang Dynasty

Lesson 23: Sung Dynasty

Lesson 24: Ming Dynasty

Lesson 25: Japan

**Unit 6 Review and Final Exam**

Lesson 26: Unit 1 Review

Lesson 27: Unit 2 Review

Lesson 28: Unit 3 Review, Vocabulary Review

Lesson 29: Unit 4 Review, Vocabulary Exam

Lesson 30: Unit 5 Review, Final Exam