

World History

World History explores the people, events, and ideas that have shaped history from the beginnings of human society to the present day.

As you read the lessons in this course, keep these enduring understandings in mind:

- World History is the story of the interaction between people, the environment, and ideas that form cultures, societies, and civilizations.
- World History is the story of human choices that link the past to the present and influence the future.
- Individuals, cultures, societies, and the world change through times of conflict and cooperation.
- Historical patterns are identified across times, places, ideas, institutions, cultures, people, and events.
- From the past to the present, events and trends on the local, national, and global sphere are interrelated.
- People have different views of history depending on their perspective.

Goals for this course include:

- Identify the characteristics of early human communities.
- Describe the early river valley civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China.
- Describe the emergence of empires.
- Explain the effects of the European exploration and colonization of the New World.
- Identify the causes and outcomes of the political revolutions in France, Russia, and China.
- Identify the characteristics of the Industrial Revolution.
- Describe European Imperialism in Asia and Africa.
- Compare and contrast the causes and results of the World Wars.
- Understand the major events of the Cold War.
- Describe the major issues affecting nations today, including globalization, population growth, pandemics, and immigration.
- Summarize the history and growth of the major religions.
- Identify patterns of trade and migration across the major eras of human history.

Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society	
Assignments	
World History	1. Course Overview
	2. Studying History
	3. Historical Fields and Methods
	4. Analyzing and Using Media*
	5. Study Methods of History
	6. Perspectives of History
	7. Analyzing Documents*
	8. Project: Point of View
	9. Quiz: Introduction to History
	10. Reconstructing Early Hominid Development
	11. Rewards from Refuse
	12. Humans Migrate and Adapt
	13. Populating Regions of the Earth
	14. Quiz: Peopling of the Earth
	15. Establishing Agricultural Communities
	16. Developing Agricultural Societies
	17. Quiz: Life Centered on Agriculture
	18. Special Project*
	19. Review
	20. Test: The Beginnings of Human Society
	21. Alternate Test: The Beginnings of Human Society*
	22. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Early River Valley Civilizations	
Assignments	
World History	1. Getting Civilized
	2. Emerging River Valley Civilizations
	3. Inventing Writing
	4. Trading Commerce and Culture
	5. Quiz: Early River Valley Civilizations
	6. Developing Chinese Civilizations
	7. New Centers of Agrarian Societies
	8. Quiz: Rising Agrarian Societies
	9. People of Pastoral Societies
	10. Emergence of New Kingdoms
11. Mycenaean Civilization	
12. An Adventure in Moving	
13. Getting Civilized: Revisited	
14. Project: Cultural Exchange	
15. Quiz: Pastoral People and Population Movement	
16. Special Project*	
17. Review	
18. Test: Early River Valley Civilizations	
19. Alternate Test: Early River Valley Civilizations*	
20. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 3: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires	
Assignments	
World History	1. Egyptian and Kush Societies
	2. Spread of Judaism
	3. Iron, Innovation, and Interaction
	4. Quiz: Times are Changing
	5. Legacy of Athens
	6. Greek Cultural Achievements
	7. Cultural Influence of the Hellenic Period
	8. Persian Civilization
	9. Quiz: Classical Greece
	10. All Roads Lead to Rome
	11. Emergence of Christianity
12. Building Religions and Empires	
13. Compare the Greek and Roman Societies	
14. Project: Legal Traditions	
15. Quiz: Emergence of Major Religions and Empires	
16. Special Project*	
17. Review	
18. Test: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires	
19. Alternate Test: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires*	
20. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 4: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter	
Assignments	
World History	1. Fall of the Roman and Han Empires
	2. Gupta Empire of India
	3. Religious Exchange and Encounter
	4. Quiz: Expanding Empires and Religions
	5. Conflict and Change in the Middle East
	6. Changing Religious Landscape of Europe
	7. The Tang Dynasty
	8. Quiz: Encountering Islamic and Byzantine Civilizations
	9. Traveling Africa With the Bantus
	10. Classical Mesoamerican Cities and Civilizations
11. Migration and Oceania	
12. Project: Folk Tales	
13. Quiz: Sharing and Imposing Cultures	
14. Special Project*	
15. Review	
16. Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter	
17. Alternate Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter*	
18. Glossary and Credits	

World History	Unit 5: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500	
	Assignments	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. China's Expansion 2. Japanese and Southeast Asian Cultures 3. European Monarchies and City-States 4. Patterns of European Cultural Changes 5. Quiz: China and Europe: Two Centers of Growth 6. Rise of the Mongol Empire 7. The Mongols' Mark on Global History 8. Aftermath of Mongol Dominance 9. Quiz: Age of the Mongol Empire 10. Long Reach of Islam 11. Religious Reforms and Rising Empires 12. Rise of Imperial States in Sub-Saharan Africa 13. Expanding America's Empires 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Quiz: Expanding States and Empires 15. Crisis of the Black Death 16. Project: Planning for a Crisis 17. Europe's Uprisings 18. Quiz: Patterns of Crisis and Recovery 19. Special Project* 20. Review 21. Test: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500 22. Alternate Test: Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, A.D. 1000-1500* 23. Glossary and Credits

World History	Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam	
	Assignments	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review: World History Semester I 2. Exam: World History Semester I 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Alternate Exam: World History Semester I - Form A* 4. Alternate Exam: World History Semester I - Form B*

World History	Unit 7: Global Expansion and Encounter	
	Assignments	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portuguese Influence 2. Spanish Influence at Home and Abroad 3. Economic Transformation 4. Encounter and Expansion in Africa 5. Quiz: Regional and Global Transformations 6. The Renaissance 7. European Political Transformation 8. The Protestant Reformation 9. Project: Christianity, Individualism, and Secularism 10. Political, Social, and Economic Factors of the European World View 11. Quiz: Transformation of European Society 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. The Mughal Empire 13. Two Great Middle East Empires: Ottoman and Safavid 14. Late Chinese Dynasties 15. Quiz: Empires of Eurasia 16. Special Project* 17. Review 18. Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter 19. Alternate Test: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter* 20. Glossary and Credits

World History	Unit 8: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914	
	Assignments	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Latin American Revolutions 2. The French Revolution 3. Russia 4. Revolutions of 1848 5. Quiz: Democratic Revolutions and Ideologies 6. Industrialization in England 7. Slavery and Abolition 8. Ideology and Reforms in the Industrial Age 9. Social and Political Reform 10. Quiz: The Industrial Revolution 11. European Immigration 12. New Imperialism in Asia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. China 14. Japan 15. New Imperialism in Africa 16. Project: Impact of American and French Revolutions 17. Quiz: European Dominance 18. Special Project* 19. Review 20. Test: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914 21. Alternate Test: The Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914* 22. Glossary and Credits

Unit 9: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945	
Assignments	
World History	1. Revolting in Russia
	2. World War I
	3. Influential Thinkers: Einstein, Freud, and Picasso
	4. Causes of World War II
	5. Project: Change the World
	6. Holocaust of World War II
	7. Consequences of the World Wars
	8. Quiz: Thirty Years in the Twentieth Century
	9. South African War
	10. Reforms in the Ottoman Empire
	11. China's Revolutions
	12. India's Struggle for Independence
	13. Quiz: Wars, Revolutions, and Reforms
14. Chinese Transformations of the 1920s-1930s	
15. Cultural Movement and Change	
16. Project: Poetry Explication and Recitation	
17. Global Trends to World War II	
18. Quiz: Search for Stability and Social Change	
19. Special Project*	
20. Review	
21. Test: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945	
22. Alternate Test: A Half Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945*	
23. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 10: The 20th Century since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes	
Assignments	
World History	1. Political Effects of World War II
	2. Postwar Reconstruction
	3. The United Nations
	4. The Cold War
	5. Project: Cold War
	6. Quiz: Post War Effects
	7. Nationalism and Asia
	8. The "Scramble for Africa" and Independence
	9. Nationalism in Eastern Europe
	10. Project: Government Violence
	11. Quiz: Global Nationalism
	12. Changes in Contemporary Society
13. Project: Women in History	
14. Fundamentalism and Terrorism	
15. Global Economics	
16. Information and Technological Revolution	
17. Quiz: Promises and Paradoxes	
18. Special Project*	
19. Review	
20. Test: The 20th Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes	
21. Alternate Test: The 20th Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes*	
22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 11: Early River Valley Civilizations	
Assignments	
World History	1. Four Turning Points
	2. Impact of the Scientific Revolution
	3. Project: Scientists and Inventors
	4. Project: U.S. Population
	5. Changing World Population
	6. Pandemics of the World
	7. Quiz: Turning Points in Human History
	8. European Dominance
	9. Political Revolutions
	10. Project: Citizenship
	11. Nation-States
12. Quiz: Recurring Patterns	
13. Comparative Economic Systems	
14. The History of Capitalism	
15. Quiz: Economic Systems	
16. Special Project*	
17. Review	
18. Test: The Turning Points in Human History	
19. Alternate Test: The Turning Points in Human History*	
20. Glossary and Credits	

History	Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam	
	Assignments	
	1. Review: World History Semester II	3. Alternate Exam: World History Semester II - Form A*
	2. Exam: World History Semester II	4. Alternate Exam: World History Semester II - Form B*

World History	Unit 13: Final Exam	
	Assignments	
	1. Exam: World History	3. Alternate Exam: World History - Form B*
	2. Alternate Exam: World History - Form A*	