

## World History Syllabus - 2024-2025

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### Course Overview

This course provides a survey of world history from ancient civilizations to the modern era. Students will explore the cultural, political, economic, and social developments that have shaped the global community. Emphasis will be placed on understanding historical events and their connections to contemporary global issues.

### Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and analyze key events, individuals, and movements in world history.
- Understand the development of different civilizations and cultures.
- Evaluate the impact of historical events on the modern world.
- Develop and present historical arguments in both written and oral forms.
- Understand geographical influences on historical developments.

### Materials

- **Textbook**
- **Supplementary Readings:** Provided as needed.
- **Supplies:** Notebook, writing utensils, highlighters, and access to a computer or tablet for research and assignments.

### Grading Breakdown

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- **Daily Work:** 33%
- **Quizzes and Projects:** 33%
- **Tests:** 33%

### Classroom Rules

1. **Don't be a distraction.**
2. **Be respectful of your instructor, pees, and property.**

3. **Be on task and prepared.**
4. **Be Appropriate.**
5. **Be thoughtful.**

Students will have no more than 5 school days to complete any work assigned during an absentee.

## **Curriculum Outline**

### **Semester 1**

**August 2 - December 20**

#### **Unit 1: Conflict and Absolutism in Europe (1550–1715)**

**August 2 - August 16**

**Lesson 1: Europe in Crisis**

**Lesson 2: War and Revolution in England**

**Lesson 3: Absolutism in Europe**

#### **Unit 2: The Enlightenment and Revolutions (1550–1800)**

**August 19 - September 6**

**Lesson 1: The Ideas of the Enlightenment**

**Lesson 2: Enlightened Absolutism and the Balance of Power**

**Lesson 3: The American Revolution**

#### **Unit 3: The French Revolution and Napoleon (1789–1815)**

**September 9 - September 27**

**Lesson 1: The French Revolution Begins**

**Lesson 2: Radical Revolution and Reaction**

**Lesson 3: The Rise of Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars**

**Lesson 4: The Fall of Napoleon and the European Reaction**

**Unit 4: Industrialization and Nationalism (1800–1870)**

**September 30 - October 18**

**Lesson 1: The First Global Economic Systems**

**Lesson 2: The Industrial Revolution**

**Lesson 3: Nationalism and Political Revolutions**

**Lesson 4: Nationalism, Unification, and Reform**

**Lesson 5: Nation Building in Latin America**

**Unit 5: Mass Society and Democracy (1870–1914)**

**October 21 - November 8**

**Lesson 1: The Growth of Industrial Prosperity**

**Lesson 2: The Emergence of Mass Society**

**Lesson 3: The National State and Democracy**

**Lesson 4: Modern Ideas and Uncertainty**

**Unit 6: The Reach of Imperialism (1800–1914)**

**November 11 - December 6**

**Lesson 1: Colonial Rule in Southeast Asia**

**Lesson 2: Empire Building in Africa**

**Lesson 3: British Rule in India**

**Lesson 4: Imperialism in Latin America**

## **Review and Midterm Preparation**

**December 9 - December 18**

**Review all units covered**

**Practice exams and review sessions**

**Midterm Exam**

**December 19**

**Semester 2**

**January 6 - May 23**

## **Unit 7: Challenge and Transition in East Asia (1800–1914)**

**January 6 - January 17**

**Lesson 1: The Decline of the Qing Dynasty**

**Lesson 2: Revolution in China**

**Lesson 3: The Rise of Modern Japan**

## **Unit 8: World War I and the Russian Revolution (1914–1919)**

**January 20 - February 7**

**Lesson 1: World War I Begins**

**Lesson 2: World War I**

**Lesson 3: The Russian Revolution**

**Lesson 4: World War I Ends**

**Unit 9: The West Between the Wars (1919–1939)**

**February 10 - February 21**

**Lesson 1: Instability After World War I**

**Lesson 2: The Rise of Dictatorial Regimes**

**Lesson 3: Hitler and Nazi Germany**

**Unit 10: Nationalism Around the World (1919–1939)**

**February 24 - March 14**

**Lesson 1: Nationalism in the Middle East**

**Lesson 2: Nationalism in Africa and Asia**

**Lesson 3: Revolutionary Chaos in China**

**Lesson 4: Nationalism in Latin America**

**Unit 11: World War II and the Holocaust (1939–1945)**

**March 17 - April 4**

**Lesson 1: World War II Begins**

**Lesson 2: World War II**

**Lesson 3: The Home Front and Civilians**

**Lesson 4: The New Order and the Holocaust**

**Lesson 5: World War II Ends**

**Unit 12: The Cold War (1945–1989)**

**April 7 - April 25**

**Lesson 1: The Cold War Begins**

**Lesson 2: China After World War II**

**Lesson 3: Cold War Conflicts**

**Unit 13: Independence and Nationalism in the Developing World (1945–1993)**

**April 28 - May 9**

**Lesson 1: South and Southeast Asia**

**Lesson 2: The Middle East**

**Lesson 3: Africa**

**Lesson 4: Latin America**

**Unit 14: Life During the Cold War (1945–1989)**

**May 12 - May 16**

**Lesson 1: Western Europe and North America**

**Lesson 2: Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union**

**Lesson 3: The Asian Rim**

**Review and Final Exam Preparation**

**May 19**

**Review all units covered**

**Practice exams and review sessions**

**Final Exam**

**May 20**

## **End of Year Activities**

**May 21 - May 23**

**Final review sessions and activities**