

World History A

SCOPE OF COURSE

This World History course allows students to learn about the progression of human history on a global basis. It is divided into two semesters of study (A & B). World History A starts the journey with global prehistory and ancient times and carries it through the Industrial Revolutions and European imperialism of the 19th century.

SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

UNIT 1 – Prehistory and the Ancient World

- Introduction to Social Studies
- Early Humans and the Beginnings of Civilization
- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient India
- Ancient China
- The Greek World
- The Greco-Persian Wars – Evaluating Sources
- The Roman Empire
- Trade Routes of the Ancient World
- Mesoamerica
- The Gupta Empire in India
- Early Belief Systems

UNIT 2 – Eastern Empires and Changes in Western Civilization

- Medieval Europe
- The Byzantine Empire
- Early Russia
- The Spread of Islam
- The Crusades
- Civilizations in Africa
- Dynasties of China
- The Mongol Empire
- The Late Middle Ages: Trade Brings Change
- The Renaissance
- Changes in Religion – the Protestant Reformation
- The Spread of the Protestant Reformation and Its Effects
- The Rise of Nation-States

UNIT 3 – The First Global Age

- Empires of the Western Hemisphere – the Aztecs and the Inca
- The Age of Discovery and Exploration
- Colonization of the New World
- Effects of European Colonization: The New World
- Islamic Empires: the Ottomans
- Islamic Empires: the Safavid Dynasty
- The Moguls of India
- The Ming Dynasty
- The Qing Dynasty
- Japan
- Korea
- Australia and New Zealand
- The Impact of the First Global Age

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UNIT 4 – The Age of Revolution

- Europe during the Age of Discovery – the Rise of Absolutism
- Absolutism in England and the Rise of Constitutionalism
- The Scientific Revolution
- The Enlightenment
- Women of the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- Art and Architecture in Enlightenment Europe
- The American Revolution
- The French Revolution
- The Napoleonic Era
- Europe after Napoleon
- Revolutions in Latin America
- Latin America: the Struggle for Democracy and Stability
- Compare/Contrast Essay

UNIT 5 – Industrial Revolutions and 19th Century Imperialism

- The Industrial Revolution
- Responses to Industrialization
- Europe in the Face of Change
- The Unifications of Italy and Germany
- Nationalism and Reform – Europe and North America
- Nationalism and Reform in the East
- The New Imperialism
- Africa
- Effects and Results of Imperialism
- Japan and the United States Enter the World Stage
- Inventions and Advances in Technology and Transportation
- Industrial Societies of the Late Nineteenth Century
- Research Project