

# World History B

## 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 B begins with World War I and the revolutions of the early 20th century and ends with the modern world and current global issues. Information and study is presented in chronological order and oriented by geographic location.

## SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

### UNIT 1 – World War and Revolution

- Nationalism: A Force for Change
- The Armenians: the “Forgotten Genocide”
- Long-Term Causes of World War I
- Assassination and War
- World War I: The Great War
- A Global Conflict
- World War I: Its Aftermath
- A Flawed Peace
- Revolutions in Czarist Russia
- Communism in the Soviet Union: from Lenin to Stalin
- A Study of Totalitarianism: the U.S.S.R. under Stalin
- The 1920s: Attempts at Peace and Recovery, The Great Depression
- Between the Wars: Social and Cultural Changes

### UNIT 2 – From World to War to Cold War

- Revolution and Nationalism in the East
- Rise of Fascism in Europe
- Aggression and War in Asia
- Aggression and War in Europe
- World War II in Europe
- World War II in the Pacific
- Allied Victory
- The Atomic Bombs
- The Holocaust
- The Cost of War and Justice
- Rebuilding Germany and Japan
- From World War to Cold War
- A Polarized World

### UNIT 3 – Colonial Independence: the Restructuring of the Post-War World

- China Becomes a Communist Nation
- The Cold War Gets Hot: Korea
- The War in Vietnam
- Genocide in Cambodia
- Southeast Asian Nations Gain Independence
- Independence and Partition for India
- New Nations in Africa
- Conflict in the Middle East
- Struggles in Central Asia: Afghanistan
- Revolution and Communism in Latin America
- Struggles in Latin America: Repressive Governments
- Western Europe
- Human Rights Violations in the 20th Century

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## SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

### UNIT 4 – The Modern World

- Reform and Change in Communist China
- Asian Tigers
- South Asia: Emerging Powers
- Apartheid in South Africa
- The Persian Gulf Wars
- Islamic Fundamentalism in Iran
- Middle East Tension Today
- The Cold War Thaws
- The End of the Soviet Union
- Revolution and Change in Eastern Europe
- The Breakup of Yugoslavia
- The Democracies of Western Europe
- Modern Latin America

### UNIT 5 – Current Global Issues

- A Global Community
- Science and Technology
- Global Economics: the *Haves* vs. the *Have-nots*
- The Environment
- International Terrorism
- Human Rights Issues in Africa: Rwanda and Durrfur
- Human Rights Issues in Modern China
- World Health Issues
- Patterns of Global Migration
- Illegal Drug Trafficking
- The Status of Women
- Global Citizenship
- The Flow of Money: from Global Economics to Personal Finance