

World History

UC/CSU "a" approved/NCAA approved

Grade Level: 10

Estimated Work Outside of Class: 1.5–2 hrs per week

Course Description:

World History students examine major turning points that shaped the modern world from 1789 to the present, continuing with a focus on the expansion of the West and the growing interdependence of people and cultures throughout the world. Students expand their academic skills of reading, writing and research in the content area.

Prerequisite:

None

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

- Basic Middle School Social Science Curriculum
- 8-Student Success Skills
- Analytical Paragraph Writing Skills (CDW style)
- Primary and Secondary Source Documents Analysis Skills

Course Grade Categories:

- 65% Assessments
- 35% Coursework

Textbook:

World History: Modern Times: 1st Edition McGraw Hill

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

First Semester Topics

- I. Introduction to World Geography
 - A. Topics: Geography Skills & Themes
 1. 5-Themes of Geography
 2. 8-Themes of World History
 - a) Assessment: Map Quiz, Travel Blog
- II. An Age of Exchange and Encounter
 - A. Topics: European Middle Ages, Formation of Western Europe
- III. Connecting Hemispheres
 - A. Topics: European Renaissance, Church Reformation, Age of Exploration
 1. Europeans explore the East, Spanish conquests in America, Europeans settle North America, the Atlantic Slave Trade, the Columbian Exchange and Global Trade.
 - a) Assessment: ID Exam (short essay)
- IV. Absolutism to Revolution
 - A. Topics: Absolute Monarchs in Europe, Enlightenment, French Revolution, and Napoleon

1. The French Revolution
 - a) The crisis of France and of its Third Estate
 - b) The French Revolution
 - c) The Reign of Terror
 - d) Assessment: Causes of the French Revolution DBQ Essay
 2. The Napoleonic Era
 - a) Expansion and Building of his empire
 - b) The Fall of Napoleon
 - c) Assessment: Napoleon Quiz
- V. Industrialism and the Race for Empire
- A. Topics: The Industrial Revolution, Age of Democracy, Imperialism
 1. How did the Industrial Revolution begin and spread and how did it affect economics, politics, and society?
 - a) Assessment: Industrial Revolution Exam and ID Exam
 2. What changes resulted in Africa and Asia from European colonial expansion?
 - a) Assessment: Imperialism Compare and Contrast Project

Second Semester Topics

- VI. The World at War
- A. Topics: The Great War, Revolution, Nationalism, World War II
 1. The Great War (29): What were the causes, events, and effects of World War I?
 - a) Assessment: ID Exam (Short Essay)
 2. Revolution and Nationalism (30) What were the results of the political upheavals that swept through Russia, and India before, during, and after World War I?
 - a) Assessment: Interwar Period Quiz
 3. World War II (31 & 32) What were the economic, political, social, and scientific changes that brought the world to the brink of a second world war? What were the causes, events and results of World War II?
 - a) Assessment: Unit test.
- VII. Perspectives on the Present
- A. Topics: Restructuring the Postwar World, Struggles for Democracy, Global Interdependence
 - a) The Cold War (33) How did the United States and the Soviet Union compete for economic and military superiority in the Cold War era? Assessment: Geography Packet, possible reading quiz, Unit test
 2. Struggles for Democracy (34): How did China and nations in Latin America, Africa, and the former Soviet bloc struggle for democracy in the late 1900s and early 2000s?
 - a) Assessment: Possible current event & reading quiz, Unit test.

The Final Exam will either be a Project or a traditional Assessment