

World History- Part A

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PREREQUISITES: Middle school American History Since 1865, American History B, World History A or World History B, or equivalent

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: World History: Our Human Story

MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Civilization Begins

- Semester Introduction
- Finding Our Past
- Settling Down
- The First Civilization
- The Gift of the Nile
- Civilization on the Nile
- Early Civilizations in India and China
- Looking at Civilizations
- The First Empires
- Egypt Builds an Empire
- Expanding Empires

Unit 2: Civilizations Flourish

- The Hebrews and Early Judaism
- South Asia and Hinduism
- The Birth of Buddhism
- India's Golden Age
- Classical China and Confucianism
- China's Dynasties
- Exploring Further

Unit 3: The Western Classical World

- Greek Beginnings
- Rival City-States
- War, Glory, and Decline
- Greek Art and Literature
- Lovers of Wisdom
- Alexander the Great
- The Roman Republic
- Rome's Expansion and Crisis
- From Republic to Empire
- Roman Society and Culture
- The Rise of Christianity
- The Roman Empire Crumbles

Unit 4: Regional Civilizations and Cultures

- North African Societies
- South of the Sahara
- Societies in the Americas
- The Byzantine Empire
- Byzantine Brilliance
- Byzantine Civilization
- The Rise of Islam
- The Spread of Islam

Unit 5: Regional Transitions

- China's Tang Dynasty
- China's Song Dynasty
- The Silk Road
- The Mongols
- Charlemagne Forges an Empire
- Life in the Middle Ages
- The Crusades
- Europe on the Edge of Change
- The Culture of the Middle Ages
- The Rise of Monarchs
- Limits
- Crises and Character

Unit 6: Patterns of Civilization

- West African Kingdoms
- Eastern and Southern African Kingdoms
- New Muslim Empires
- China's Ming Dynasty
- An Isolated China
- Japan's Tokugawa Shogunate
- Looking Back

Unit 7: Changing Worlds

- The Aztec Empire
- The Empire of the Inca
- The Renaissance Begins in Italy
- Artistic Genius
- Beyond Italy
- The Elizabethan Age

Unit 8: Semester Review and Test

World History- Part B

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COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

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MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Entering the Modern Era

- Semester Introduction
- Europeans Set Sail
- Conquest and Colonies
- Global Contact
- The Results of Global Contact
- The Protestant Reformation
- The Catholic Reformation
- Religious Wars and the Rise of Absolutism
- England's Monarchy and Its Limits

Unit 2: Revolution and Empire

- The Scientific Revolution
- The Enlightenment
- The American Revolution
- The French Revolution
- Radical Revolution
- The Age of Napoleon
- Latin American Independence Movements
- Nationalism in Europe

Unit 3: Changing Expectations

- The Industrial Revolution Begins in England
- The Industrial Revolution Spreads
- The Second Industrial Revolution
- Business, Labor, and a New Middle Class
- New Ways of Thinking
- A Rising Standard of Living
- European Scramble for Empire
- Asia Divided
- Non-European Nations Compete

Unit 4: War, Revolution, and Crisis

- Toward a World War
- The Great War
- The Tide Turns
- War's End
- The Russian Revolution
- India Takes a Different Path
- Nationalism in the Middle East
- The Great Depression
- Responding to Depression
- The Rise of Dictators

Unit 5: World War II Reshapes the World

- Aggression, Appeasement, and War

- The Allies Turn the Tide
- Discovering the Horror
- The Allied Victory
- Securing the Peace
- The Cold War Begins
- The Cold War Spreads
- The West in the Postwar Era
- Beyond the Cold War

Unit 6: The Contemporary World

- Postwar Latin America
- Dictators in Control
- Directions in Latin America
- Preparing a Presentation
- China Since 1945
- South Asia Since 1945
- Southeast Asia Since 1945
- East Asia Since 1945
- The End of Colonialism in Africa
- Challenges in Modern Africa
- New Nations in the Middle East
- **Ongoing Struggles in the Middle East**
- New Threats and Responses

Unit 7: Looking Back and Ahead

- Wrapping Up
- Global Interaction and Interdependence
- Social and Environmental Challenges
- Technology, Science, and the Standard of Living
- Finalizing the Project

Unit 8: Semester Review and Test