

## World History/Block – Foundations

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a survey of world history from prehistoric to contemporary times. Students will learn about the socio-economic, political, and ideological conditions of various time periods as they study historical events and cultural achievements of world regions.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Identify how and why people, goods, and ideas migrated throughout global history.
- Explain how the geography of a region impacted the growth and development of a civilization.
- Identify social, political, economic, and ideological conditions of major eras in world history.
- Describe the structure of society and family in historical cultures based on societal factors.
- Interpret and analyze statistics and data from maps, charts, and graphs.
- Summarize the achievements of civilizations, particularly in the fields of science, technology, and the arts, and how they spread through cultural diffusion.
- Compare and contrast the development and beliefs of the major world religions and philosophical traditions, and explain how they spread to other regions.
- Summarize the characteristics of early political systems and their influence on modern-day governments.
- Discuss the impact of European imperialism and colonization, and defend the connection between revolution and reform.
- Identify the effect of industrialization and urbanization on the global economy.
- Articulate the relationship between historical occurrences and contemporary situations.
- Predict how contemporary issues will affect future generations, based on historical evidence.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**COURSE LENGTH:** Two Semesters

**REQUIRED TEXT:** No required textbook for this course.

**MATERIALS LIST:** No required materials for this course.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

### **Orientation**

- Section 1 - World History: Introduction
- Section 2 - Getting Started

### **Unit 1: The Dawn of Civilization: Prehistory–AD 300**

- Introduction - The Dawn of Civilization: Introduction
- Section 1 - The Beginnings of Civilization
- Section 2 - The Ancient Near East
- Section 3 - Nile Civilizations
- Section 4 - Ancient India and China

### **Unit 2: The Growth of Civilizations: 2100 BC–AD 1500**

- Introduction - The Growth of Civilizations: Introduction
- Section 1 - Classical Greece
- Section 2 - Rome and Early Christianity
- Section 3 - The Americas
- Section 4 - Empires of China and India

### **Unit 3: Medieval Civilizations: 100–1500**

- Introduction - Medieval Civilizations: Introduction
- Section 1 - Muslim Civilizations
- Section 2 - African Kingdoms
- Section 3 - Cultures of East Asia
- Section 4 - Kingdoms, Christianity, and the Middle Ages in Europe

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- Section 1 - World History: Introduction
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### **Unit 4: Renaissance, Reformation, and Exploration 1200–1700**

- Introduction – Renaissance, Reformation, and Exploration: Introduction
- Section 1 – Renaissance
- Section 2 – The Reformation and Counter-Reformation
- Section 3 – Exploration and Expansion

- Section 4 – Unit Exam

**Unit 5: Changes in Asia and Europe 1200–1900**

- Introduction – Changes in Asia and Europe: Introduction
- Section 1 – New Asian Empires
- Section 2 – Absolutism, Enlightenment, and Revolution
- Section 3 – Industrialization
- Section 4 – Unit Exam

**Unit 6: The Great War: World War I 1914–1939**

- Introduction – The Great War: World War I: Introduction
- Section 1 – Reform, Nationalism, and Imperialism
- Section 2 – World War I
- Section 3 – The Aftermath
- Section 4 – Unit Exam

**Unit 7: World War II 1930–1945**

- Introduction – World War II: Introduction
- Section 1 – Instability in Europe
- Section 2 – World War II
- Section 3 – Post World War II
- Section 4 – Unit Exam

**Unit 8: Contemporary Issues 1945–Present**

- Introduction – Contemporary Issues: Introduction
- Section 1 – Europe and North America
- Section 2 – Asia and Latin America
- Section 3 – Africa and the Middle East
- Section 4 – Unit Exam