

World Civilizations

World Civilizations examines the growth of human society from our earliest beginnings to the present. Students will study such topics as agricultural societies, ancient civilizations, empires, trade, and migration.

The lessons in this course will help students answer the following questions:

- How do the interactions between people, the environment, and ideas form cultures, civilizations, and societies?
- Is the history of civilization a story of progress?
- In what ways have human choices shaped history?
- What brings people to conflict and cooperation?
- How do events and trends influence individuals, nations, and the world?
- What factors influence how we record or interpret history?

Goals for this course include:

- Identify the geographic locations in which early humans lived.
- Examine the immediate and long-term effects of agriculture on human history.
- Identify the main characteristics of civilizations.
- Describe the rise and fall of empires.
- Identify the significant discoveries of the Age of Exploration.
- Identify the inventions of the Industrial Revolution.
- Examine the causes of World War I.
- Discuss the effects of the Great Depression.
- Identify the major events of World War II.
- Describe the relationship between the United States and Soviet Union during the Cold War.
- Describe globalization and the influence of new technologies on the global culture.
- Compare and contrast traditional, command, and market economic systems.

Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. Course Overview
	2. Why Study History?
	3. Who Studies History?
	4. Study Methods
	5. Project: Point of View
	6. Quiz 1: What is History?
	7. People's Earliest Beginnings
	8. Effects of Environment and Geography on the Human Race's Development
	9. How Early Humans Communicated
	10. Project: Environment
	11. Quiz 2: The Emergence of the Human Race
12. Impact and Influences of Early Agricultural Societies	
13. Social and Cultural Conditions of Early Agricultural Societies	
14. Hunters and Farmers	
15. Quiz 3: Life Centered on Agriculture	
16. Special Project*	
17. Review	
18. Test	
19. Alternate Test*	
20. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: Early Civilizations, 4000 - 1000 B.C.		
Assignments		
World Civilizations	1. The Meaning of Civilization	11. Inventions and Discoveries
	2. River Valley Civilizations	12. Early Language Development
	3. Egypt	13. Transformations in Human History
	4. China	14. Project: Indo-European Groups
	5. Essay: Environment	15. Quiz 3: Patterns of Growth
	6. Quiz 1: The Rise of Early Civilizations	16. Special Project*
	7. The Hittites	17. Review
	8. The Aryans	18. Test
	9. The Myceneans	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: Indo-European Invaders	20. Glossary and Credits

Unit 3: Classical Traditions, Major Religions, and Giant Empires, 1000 B.C. - A. D. 300		
Assignments		
World Civilizations	1. The Middle East and Africa	12. Large Regional Empires
	2. Greece	13. Classical Civilizations
	3. The Hellenistic Period	14. Project: Timeline
	4. Essay: Trade	15. Quiz 3: Global Trends
	5. Quiz 1: The Emergence of Empires	16. Special Project*
	6. Rome	17. Review
	7. Rome's Legacy	18. Test
	8. China and India	19. Alternate Test*
	9. The Olmecs	20. Glossary and Credits
	10. Quiz 2: Other Empires and Civilizations	
	11. Belief Systems	

Unit 4: Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter, A.D. 300-1000		
Assignments		
World Civilizations	1. Decline and Changes	12. Africa
	2. Europe Redefined	13. Mayan and Incan Societies
	3. Charlemagne and Clovis	14. Cultural Interaction
	4. Christianity and Buddhism	15. Quiz 3: Africa, and Mesoamerica
	5. Essay: Influence of Religion	16. Project: Analogy
	6. Quiz 1: Beginnings and Ends	17. Special Project*
	7. The Gupta Empire	18. Review
	8. Eastern Asia	19. Test
	9. Southern Asia	20. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: Lasting Kingdoms	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. The Spread of Islam	

Unit 5: Political and Economic Societies Expand, A.D. 1000-1500	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. China
	2. Japan and Southeast Asia
	3. Trade and Migration
	4. Regional Comparisons
	5. Quiz 1: Growth and Change in Asia
	6. Middle Ages: Key Events
	7. Middle Ages: Key Figures and Humanism
	8. Project: Comparison Matrix
	9. The Clashing of Religions
	10. The Black Plague
	11. Quiz 2: Christianity, Islam, and Europe
12. Africa	
13. Mesoamerica and the Andes	
14. North American Societies	
15. The Americas and Afro-Eurasia in Comparison	
16. Project: Events and Trends	
17. Quiz 3: Africa and the Americas	
18. Special Project*	
19. Review	
20. Test	
21. Alternate Test*	
22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 6: Global Expansion and Encounter, 1450-1770	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. European Exploratory and Commercial Expeditions
	2. Conquest and Colonization of the New World
	3. European Imperialism in Asia
	4. Project: Exploratory Routes
	5. Quiz 1: Age of Exploration and Colonization
	6. The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
	7. Renaissance and Reformation
	8. The Ottoman, Mughal, and Safavid Empires
	9. African Resistance, Slavery, and Development
	10. Project: Florence and the Renaissance
	11. Quiz 2: Changes in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa
12. The Ming Dynasty	
13. Japan and Korea	
14. The Spread of Religions	
15. Continuity in Societies	
16. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies	
17. Special Project*	
18. Review	
19. Test	
20. Alternate Test*	
21. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 7: Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. The French Revolution
	2. Independence Movements
	3. The Industrial Revolution
	4. Project: Comparison
	5. Quiz 1: Age of Revolutions
	6. North America
	7. Europe
	8. Africa, India, and Eurasia
	9. China and Japan
	10. Project: Forms of Government in China, Japan, and India
	11. Quiz 2: Regional Changes
12. Trade	
13. Slavery and Migration	
14. Religion	
15. Population Trends	
16. Essay: Migration Motives	
17. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies	
18. Special Project*	
19. Review	
20. Test	
21. Alternate Test*	
22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 8: A Half-Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. The State of the World
	2. The Causes of World War I
	3. Revolutions
	4. Project: Themes in Relationships
	5. The Effects of World War I
	6. Quiz 1: The World at War
	7. Discoveries
	8. The Great Depression
	9. World War II (A New Threat)
	10. World War II (Europe)
	11. World War II (Asia and the Pacific)
12. Quiz 2: Achievement and Crisis	
13. Africa	
14. Ideologies	
15. Totalitarianism	
16. Essay: Compare Causes of Wars	
17. Quiz 3: New Patterns	
18. Special Project*	
19. Review	
20. Test	
21. Alternate Test*	
22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 9: The Twentieth Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. The Cold War, 1947-1970
	2. The Cold War, 1970-1991
	3. Economics of Southern Asia
	4. Project: Economic Growth in Asia
	5. Project: The Cold War
	6. Political Boundaries
	7. Quiz 1: International Tension
	8. Israel and Palestine
	9. Africa: Government
	10. Africa: Economics
	11. Africa: Culture and Apartheid
12. Quiz 2: A Surge in Nationalism	
13. Middle East: Government and Geography	
14. Middle East: Economics and Culture	
15. Project: The Middle East: Compare and Contrast	
16. Project: September 11, 2001	
17. Quiz: The Middle East	
18. Special Project	
19. Review	
20. Test	
21. Alternate Test	
22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 10: World History Across the Eras	
Assignments	
World Civilizations	1. Changes in World Population
	2. The Emergence of a Global Culture
	3. The Environment
	4. Pandemics
	5. Essay: Population Growth
	6. Quiz 1: Global Developments
	7. Comparing Economic Systems
	8. The History of Capitalism
	9. Personal Finance
	10. Project: Market and Command Economies
11. Quiz 2: Economic Systems	
12. Nation-States	
13. Revolutions	
14. Quiz 3: Nation-States and Revolutions	
15. Special Project	
16. Review	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test	
19. Glossary and Credits	