

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	12. Africa	
	2. Japan and Southeast Asia	13. Mesoamerica and the Andes	
	3. Trade and Migration	14. North American Societies	
	4. Regional Comparisons	15. The Americas and Afro-Eurasia in Comparison	
	5. Quiz 1: Growth and Change in Asia	16. Project: Events and Trends	
	6. Middle Ages: Key Events	17. Quiz 3: Africa and the Americas	
	7. Middle Ages: Key Figures and Humanism	18. Special Project*	
	8. Project: Comparison Matrix	19. Review	
	9. The Clashing of Religions	20. Test	
	10. The Black Plague	21. Alternate Test*	
	11. Quiz 2: Christianity, Islam, and Europe	22. Glossary and Credits	
	Unit 6: Global Expansion and Encounter, 1450-1770		
	Assignments		
	World Civilizations	1. European Exploratory and Commercial	12. Quiz 2: Changes in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa
		2. Expeditions	13. The Ming Dynasty
		3. Conquest and Colonization of the New World	14. Japan and Korea
		4. European Imperialism in Asia	15. The Spread of Religions
		5. Project: Exploratory Routes	16. Continuity in Societies
		6. Quiz 1: Age of Exploration and Colonization	17. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies
		7. The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment	18. Special Project*
		8. Renaissance and Reformation	19. Review
		9. The Ottoman, Mughal, and Safavid Empires	20. Test
10. African Resistance, Slavery, and Development		21. Alternate Test*	
11. Project: Florence and the Renaissance		22. Glossary and Credits	
Unit 7: Age of Revolutions, 1750-1914			
Assignments			
World Civilizations		1. The French Revolution	12. Trade
		2. Independence Movements	13. Slavery and Migration
		3. The Industrial Revolution	14. Religion
		4. Project: Comparison	15. Population Trends
		5. Quiz 1: Age of Revolutions	16. Essay: Migration Motives
		6. North America	17. Quiz 3: Change and Continuity in Societies
		7. Europe	18. Special Project*
		8. Africa, India, and Eurasia	19. Review
		9. China and Japan	20. Test
	10. Project: Forms of Government in China, Japan, and India	21. Alternate Test*	
	11. Quiz 2: Regional Changes	22. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 8: A Half-Century of Crisis and Achievement, 1900-1945			
Assignments			
World Civilizations	1. The State of the World	12. Quiz 2: Achievement and Crisis	
	2. The Causes of World War I	13. Africa	
	3. Revolutions	14. Ideologies	
	4. Project: Themes in Relationships	15. Totalitarianism	
	5. The Effects of World War I	16. Essay: Compare Causes of Wars	
	6. Quiz 1: The World at War	17. Quiz 3: New Patterns	
	7. Discoveries	18. Special Project*	
	8. The Great Depression	19. Review	
	9. World War II (A New Threat)	20. Test	
	10. World War II (Europe)	21. Alternate Test*	
	11. World War II (Asia and the Pacific)	22. Glossary and Credits	
	Unit 9: The Twentieth Century Since 1945: Promises and Paradoxes		
	Assignments		
	World Civilizations	1. The Cold War, 1947-1970	12. Quiz 2: A Surge in Nationalism
		2. The Cold War, 1970-1991	13. Middle East: Government and Geography
		3. Economics of Southern Asia	14. Middle East: Economics and Culture
		4. Project: Economic Growth in Asia	15. Project: The Middle East: Compare and Contrast
		5. Project: The Cold War	16. Project: September 11, 2001
		6. Political Boundaries	17. Quiz: The Middle East
		7. Quiz 1: International Tension	18. Special Project
		8. Israel and Palestine	19. Review
		9. Africa: Government	20. Test
10. Africa: Economics		21. Alternate Test	
11. Africa: Culture and Apartheid		22. Glossary and Credits	
Unit 10: World History Across the Eras			
Assignments			
World Civilizations		1. Changes in World Population	11. Quiz 2: Economic Systems
		2. The Emergence of a Global Culture	12. Nation-States
		3. The Environment	13. Revolutions
		4. Pandemics	14. Quiz 3: Nation-States and Revolutions
		5. Essay: Population Growth	15. Special Project
		6. Quiz 1: Global Developments	16. Review
		7. Comparing Economic Systems	17. Test
		8. The History of Capitalism	18. Alternate Test
		9. Personal Finance	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Project: Market and Command Economies		