



Course Syllabus

SY 2011-2012

COURSE TITLE: Advanced Placement World History (High School)

PREREQUISITE: World History to 1500 CE. (Pre-AP recommended)

DESCRIPTION: Advanced Placement World History uses the syllabus of the College Board Advanced Placement course. This course looks at our Earth's geography, the history of the world, and the growth, spread and depth of world cultures and the activities of human societies. The course prepares students to take the Advanced Placement World History Exam, which is required for AP World History students. There is a fast-paced review of the years 8000 BCE to 1450 CE in the first six weeks of the course, so that the bulk of the year can be spent on the years 1450 to the present.

MAIN TOPICS: World Geography and Demographics

Economic Systems and Systems of Change

World Religions

World Social Systems, Cities, and Institutions

Foundations: 8000 BCE – 600 CE:

- Movements of early peoples, the rise and fall of ancient empires
- Key cultural and social systems of antiquity: Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus, Shang, MesoAmerica, and Andean South America
- Classical Civilizations

600-1450 CE:

- The Islamic world
- Interregional networks—Trade and Belief
- China
- Changes in, and spread of Christianity, The Islamic world, Non-Islamic Africa, and the Amerindian civilizations.

1450-1750:

- Changes in global interactions, trade, and technology
- Major empires, political units, and social systems (caste, gender, slave, and empire systems).
- Demographic and environmental changes
- The ages of scientific revolution, enlightenment, neoconfucianism, and flourishing of the arts



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1750-1914:

- Industrial revolutions
- Global commerce
- Social systems
- Political revolutions and independence movements, new political ideas
- Rise of Western dominance

1914-Present

- The World Wars, the Cold War, nuclear weaponry
- New Patterns of nationalism, especially outside the West
- Social and civil movements and reforms, new nationalisms, social justice and injustice
- Internationalization of culture and reactions to it
- Global economic developments

CREDIT INFO:

This course provides one of the credits required for a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma. Students will take the World History Advanced Placement Test at the conclusion of the course. Students in Grade 10 also take the *Standards of Learning* test for World History II.

