

**RSD17 BOE Curriculum Subcommittee**  
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**World History Textbook Proposal**



**Course Overview:**

This is a general survey course which covers world history from the dawn of Western Civilization to modern times. In this course, students explore a variety of peoples, events, and movements in world history with a focus on inquiry-based learning to educate students about the world in which they live. The study of World History includes both themes and content. Students will study topics such as:

- Evolution of government
- Foundations of civilization
- Impact of geography on culture and historical events
- Causes and effects of conflicts
- Political reforms and social justice
- Impact of belief systems on society
- Cultural diffusion caused by conquest, trade and migration
- Nationalism as a force for unity and division
- Imperialism's impact on globalization

**Prerequisites:** NA

- Required Grade 9 course
- Credits: 1.0

**Current Text:**

- *"Perspectives on the Past" 1997. This is the text that we have used for the honors classes.*
- *"World History" 2007. This is the text that we have used for our college prep level course*
- Quantity on hand – We have approximately 150 of the Honors textbook and 350 of the college prep text because we use it for both freshmen and sophomore year.
- The current condition varies in a significant way. We have been purchasing replacement texts for years and we have also had many books rebound.

**Proposed New Text:**

- *HighSchool World History Interactive 2022, Savvas Learning Company*
- The textbook comes with digital courseware 6-year license for students and teachers
- Quantity to purchase: 175
- Price with 8 year digital license: \$21,560.00

**Additional Texts to Accompany Textbooks:**

- Teachers Edition

**Rationale:**

- 2022 redesign of History courses- Shifting from World History 1 & 2 to one World History Course required by all Freshman
- Shifting Content to include the dawn of Western Civilization to modern times.
- Current textbook is from 2007 (will not include world history since that time)

- We no longer have access to electronic components for current textbooks (not offered)- must upgrade to new textbooks to have access to digital license.
- One text for all level classes serves college prep and honors courses
- Book can be read out loud to students- Reader etext
- Videos, animations, diagrams, models, primary sources, maps, biographies, quizzes, practice questions, assessment bank to go along with each topic
- Connect to current events (makes history relevant)
- Culturally relevant
- Inquiry Based

**Components: (examples listed)**

- Animations, videos, diagrams, models, primary sources, maps, biographies, quizzes, practice questions, assessment bank
- Digital textbook
- On-Line student management site – assessment and assignment progress monitoring

**Other Texts we have reviewed:**

- World History and Geography 2018 by McGraw Hill Education

**Projected Course Enrollment:**

<b>Enrollment Projections</b>	<b># of students</b>
Freshman Fall 2022	150
Freshman Fall 2023	140
Freshman Fall 2024	107