

Course/Grade Level: AP World History

Days	Unit	Standard(s)/Outcome(s)	Essential/Guiding Questions
5-8	Unit 1: The Global Tapestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the systems of government employed by Chinese dynasties and how they developed over time.</li><li>● Explain the effects of Chinese cultural traditions on East Asia over time</li><li>● Explain the effects of innovation on the Chinese economy over time.</li><li>● Explain how systems of belief and their practices affected society in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the rise of Islamic states over time.</li><li>● Explain the effects of intellectual innovation in Dar al-Islam.</li><li>● Explain how the various belief systems and practices of South and Southeast Asia affected society over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why various states of South and Southeast Asia developed and maintained power over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why states in the Americas developed and changed</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why states in Africa developed and changed over time.</li><li>● Explain how the beliefs and practices of the predominant religions in Europe affected European society.</li><li>● Explain the causes and consequences of political decentralization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the effects of agriculture on social organization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the similarities and differences in the processes of state formation from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 2: Networks of Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the causes and effects of growth of networks of exchange after 1200.</li><li>● Explain the process of state building and decline in Eurasia over time.</li><li>● Explain how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time.</li><li>● Explain the significance of the Mongol Empire in larger patterns of continuity and change.</li><li>● Explain the causes of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the effects of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.</li><li>● Explain the role of environmental factors in the development of networks of exchange in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the growth of trans-Saharan trade.</li><li>● Explain how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time.</li><li>● Explain the intellectual and cultural effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the environmental effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li><li>● Explain the similarities and differences among the various networks of exchange in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 3: Land-Based Empires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how and why various land-based empires developed and expanded from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain how rulers used a variety of methods to legitimize and consolidate their power in land-based empires from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain continuity and change within the various belief systems</li></ul>	

		<p>during the period from 1450 to 1750.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Compare the methods by which various empires increased their influence from 1450 to 1750.</li></ul>	
10-12	Unit 4: Transoceanic Interconnections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how cross-cultural interactions resulted in the diffusion of technology and facilitated changes in patterns of trade and travel from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Describe the role of states in the expansion of maritime exploration from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain the economic causes and effects of maritime exploration by the various European states.</li><li>● Explain the causes of the Columbian Exchange and its effects on the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.</li><li>● Explain the process of state building and expansion among various empires and states in the period from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in economic systems and labor systems from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain changes and continuities in systems of slavery in the period from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain how rulers employed economic strategies to consolidate and maintain power</li></ul>	

		<p>throughout the period from 1450 to 1750.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in networks of exchange from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain how political, economic, and cultural factors affected society from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain the similarities and differences in how various belief systems affected societies from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain the effects of the development of state power from 1450 to 1750.</li><li>● Explain how social categories, roles, and practices have been maintained or have changed over time.</li><li>● Explain how economic developments from 1450 to 1750 affected social structures over time.</li></ul>	
10-12	Unit 5: Revolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the intellectual and ideological context in which revolutions swept the Atlantic world from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how the Enlightenment affected societies over time.</li><li>● Explain causes and effects of the various revolutions in the period from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how environmental factors contributed to</li></ul>	

		<p>industrialization from 1750 to 1900.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how different modes and locations of production have developed and changed over time.</li><li>● Explain how technology shaped economic production over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of economic strategies of different states and empires.</li><li>● Explain the development of economic systems, ideologies, and institutions and how they contributed to change in the period from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of calls for changes in industrial societies from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how industrialization caused change in existing social hierarchies and standards of living.</li><li>● Explain the extent to which industrialization brought change from 1750 to 1900.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 6: Consequences of Industrialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how ideologies contributed to the development of imperialism from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Compare processes by which state power shifted in various parts of the world from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how and why internal and</li></ul>	

		<p>external factors have influenced the process of state building from 1750 to 1900.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how various environmental factors contributed to the development of the global economy from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how various economic factors contributed to the development of the global economy from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how various environmental factors contributed to the development of varied patterns of migration from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how various economic factors contributed to the development of varied patterns of migration from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain how and why new patterns of migration affected society from 1750 to 1900.</li><li>● Explain the relative significance of the effects of imperialism from 1750 to 1900.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 7: Global Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how internal and external factors contributed to change in various states after 1900.</li><li>● Explain the causes and consequences of World War I.</li><li>● Explain how governments used a variety of methods to conduct</li></ul>	

		<p>war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how different governments responded to economic crisis after 1900.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in territorial holdings from 1900 to the present.</li><li>● Explain the causes and consequences of World War II.</li><li>● Explain similarities and differences in how governments used a variety of methods to conduct war.</li><li>● Explain the various causes and consequences of mass atrocities in the period from 1900 to the present.</li><li>● Explain the relative significance of the causes of global conflict in the period 1900 to the present.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 8: Cold War and Decolonization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the historical context of the Cold War after 1945.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the ideological struggle of the Cold War.</li><li>● Compare the ways in which the United States and the Soviet Union sought to maintain influence over the course of the Cold War.</li><li>● Explain the causes and consequences of China's adoption of communism.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of</li></ul>	

		<p>movements to redistribute economic resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Compare the processes by which various peoples pursued independence after 1900.</li><li>● Explain how political changes in the period from c. 1900 to the present led to territorial, demographic, and nationalist developments.</li><li>● Explain the economic changes and continuities resulting from the process of decolonization.</li><li>● Explain various reactions to existing power structures in the period after 1900.</li><li>● Explain the causes of the end of the Cold War.</li><li>● Explain the extent to which the effects of the Cold War were similar in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.</li></ul>	
5-8	Unit 9: Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how the development of new technologies changed the world from 1900 to present.</li><li>● Explain how environmental factors affected human populations over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of environmental changes in the period from 1900 to present.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in the global economy from 1900 to present.</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how social categories, roles, and practices have been maintained and challenged over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why globalization changed culture over time.</li><li>● Explain the various responses to increasing globalization from 1900 to present.</li><li>● Explain how and why globalization changed international interactions among states.</li><li>● Explain the extent to which science and technology brought change in the period from 1900 to the present.</li></ul>	
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