

AP World History (3150) Course Overview Curriculum Document

Course Description

In this course, students will employ the College Board's historical thinking skills to investigate and explore the history of the world from 1200-Present. Content will include an examination into human civilization and how they have interacted with the environment, solved political challenges, embraced a variety of cultural traditions, engaged in economic and commercial relationships, innovated and organized themselves socially. In addition to the AP thinking and reasoning skills the course includes study skills, research techniques, data interpretation, problem solving, and communication skills.

Credits

1

Prerequisites

None

Board Approved

Revised

August 2022

Required Assessments

District-wide, standards-based common summative assessments, instructor created topic based assessments

Textbooks/Resources

Strayer, Robert W. Ways of the World: A Brief Global History With Sources. Bedford St. Martins, 2011. ISBN#13: 978-0-312-64466-6

AMSCO: Advanced Placement World History: Modern Paperback – September 1, 2019 ISBN:978-1531129163

Course Essential Understandings

As a result of successfully completing this course, students will:

- Develop a thorough understanding of the history of human civilization across the six themes of AP World History
- State an effective claim and support it with compelling evidence
- Interpret an author's point of view, intended audience, and purpose to help determine meaning of a source
- Communicate their learning using engaging ideas and perspectives through print, verbal, or digital technologies.
- Analyze sources and apply historical content to reach conclusions

Course Essential Questions

- How have human civilizations organized themselves politically?
- How have human societies changed over time?
- What factors prompted scientific and technological innovation over time?
- How did human societies engage in ever changing commercial and financial interactions?
- How have environmental challenges shaped human societies?
- How have human cultural values changed over time?

Unit Overviews

Unit Name	Unit Description	Unit Essential Question	Instructional Standards	Assessed Standards
Foundations of World History (Up to 1450)	This unit focuses on the development of human societies from the earliest period of recorded history through the rise of classical civilizations and post-classical societies until the year 1450.	How did human history evolve and change through the year 1450?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP World Standard #1 • AP World Standard #2 • AP World Standard #3 • AP World Standard #4 	Historical Understanding Rubric
The Early Modern Age of World History: 1450-1750	This unit focuses on the development of the major shifts in human civilization through the formation of large scale land empires like the Ming and Qing in China and the rise of the Islamic Empires in the Middle East and concludes with an examination into the crucial period of global exploration and the Columbian Exchange.	How did human societies change as a result of the formation of large land empires and the establishment of overseas maritime states?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP World Standard #1 • AP World Standard #2 • AP World Standard #3 • AP World Standard #4 • AP World Standard #5 • AP World Standard #6 • AP World Standard #7 	DBQ Rubric
Unit 3: The Modern World: 1750-1900	This unit focuses on the political upheaval in the Atlantic world with the American, French, Haitian and Latin American revolutions. Students will investigate the impacts of the industrialization that spread around the world and how it led to western imperialism. Focus will be given to global resistance movements and major migrations.	How were human societies impacted by dramatic political and industrial change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP World Standard #1 • AP World Standard #2 • AP World Standard #3 • AP World Standard #4 • AP World Standard #5 • AP World Standard #6 • AP World Standard #7 	DBQ Rubric
Unit 4: The 20th Century in World History	The 20th century was a dramatic turning point in world history as societies experienced calamities that resulted in global and ideological conflict and the enormous change of an ever shrinking globalized world.	How were human societies shaped by the 20th centuries dramatic changes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP World Standard #1 • AP World Standard #2 • AP World Standard #3 • AP World Standard #4 • AP World Standard #5 • AP World Standard #6 • AP World Standard #7 	DBQ Rubric