

# Glossary

---

## High School Level Global History Glossary

**English | Kinyarwanda**

---

Translation of Global History terms based on the Coursework for Global History Grades 9 to 12.

---



This glossary is to PROVIDE PERMITTED TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS of ELL/MLL students. It should also be used for INSTRUCTION during the school year. The glossary may be downloaded, printed and disseminated to educators, parents and ELLs/MLLs.

[Please click here for the New York State Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages Webpage on "Assessment and Testing Accommodations"](#)

---





THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

---

**P-16**

Office of Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education and Office of Higher Education  
Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/biling/>

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

**Regents of The University**

BETTY A. ROSA, <i>Chancellor</i> , B.A., M.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed., M.Ed., Ed.D. ....	Bronx
T. ANDREW BROWN, <i>Vice Chancellor</i> , B.A., J.D. ....	Rochester
ROGER TILLES, B.A., J.D. ....	Great Neck
LESTER W. YOUNG, JR., B.S., M.S., Ed.D. ....	Beechhurst
CHRISTINE D. CEA, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. ....	Staten Island
WADE S. NORWOOD, B.A. ....	Rochester
KATHLEEN M. CASHIN, B.S., M.S., Ed.D. ....	Brooklyn
JAMES E. COTTRELL, B.S., M.D. ....	New York
JOSEPHINE VICTORIA FINN, B.A., J.D. ....	Monticello
JUDITH CHIN, M.S. in Ed. ....	Little Neck
BEVERLY L. OUDERKIRK, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed. ....	Morristown
CATHERINE COLLINS, R.N., N.P., B.S., M.S. in Ed., Ed.D. ....	Buffalo
JUDITH JOHNSON, B.A., M.A., C.A.S. ....	New Hempstead
NAN EILEEN MEAD, B.A. ....	Manhattan
ELIZABETH S. HAKANSON, A.S., M.S., C.A.S. ....	Syracuse
LUIS O. REYES, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. ....	New York
SUSAN W. MITTLER, B.S., M.S. ....	Ithaca

**Commissioner of Education and President of The University**

MARYELLEN ELIA

**Executive Deputy Commissioner**

ELIZABETH R. BERLIN

The State Education Department does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, gender, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, services and activities. Portions of this publication can be made available in a variety of formats, including braille, large print or audio tape, upon request. Inquiries concerning this policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to the Department's Office for Diversity and Access, Room 530, Education Building, Albany, NY 12234.

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>A</b>	
A.D	Mbere ya Yezu
aboriginal	kavukire
absolutism	kudasubirwaho
African civilization	Iterambere ry’Afurika
Age of Reason	Igihe cyo kuvugurura imitekerereze
agrarian	ubuhinzi
AIDS/HIV	SIDA/UBWANDU
allegiance	ukutanyuranya
alliance	amasezerano
allies	abibumbye
amnesty	gutanga imbabazi
ancestry	igisekuru
animism	kutagira ubuzima
annex	anegisi
anthropology	imibereho y’abantu
anti-Semitic	kwanga abayahudi
apartheid	ivanguramoko
appeasement	ihoshamahane
Arab League	Ishyirahamwe ry’abarabu
archeology	iyigankomoko
aristocracy	abatware
art	umwuga
artifacts	ibihangano
Asia	Aziya
assimilate	gusanisha
atlas	Igitabo cy’amakarita
autocracy	ubutware
autonomy	ubwigenge
<b>B</b>	
B.C.	Nyumaa Yezu
backgrounds	inkomoko
Balance of Power	Imbaraga z’umunzani
Balkans	Ababalika
battle	urugamba
Belief systems	Uburyo bw’Imyizerere
belligerent	abarwana
Berlin Airlift	Indege yagaburiraga ab’ Berilini
Berlin Wall	Urukuta rw’ Berilini
bible	bibiliya
Black Death	Icyorezo cy’indwara
blockade	gufunga
Bolshevik Revolution	Impinduramatwara ya Bolishevike
boundaries	imbibi
bourgeoisie	umuturage usanzwe
Boxer Rebellion	Imyivumbagatanyo yo mu Bushinwa

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
Bronze Age	Umwaka wa Buronze
bubonic plague	ibibyimba byateye
Buddhism	Ababuda
Bushido	Bushido
Byzantine	Bizanse
<b>C</b>	
Capital	Umurwa
capitalism	kapitalisime
Caribbean	Karayibe
cartel	ihuza
cash crop	ngengabukungu
caste system	sisitemu y'icyicaro
Catholicism	Gatolika
cause	impamvu
ensorship	kugenzura
Central America	Amerika yo Hagati
century	ikinyejana
change	guhinduka
charter	amasezerano
child labor	Imirimo ikorehwa abana
China	Ubushinwa
Chinese	Umushinwa
Christianity	Ubukirisitu
chronological order	Uruhererekane rw' igihe
church	kiriziya
circumnavigate	kuzunguruka
citizen	umwenegihugu
city-state	umuji
civil disobedience	kugandira ubutegetsi
civil war	Intambara y'abenegihugu
civilizations	imico
clan	umuryango
classical civilizations	imico ya kera
clergy	abanyamadini
climate	ikirere
coalition	kwihuza
Cold War	Intambara y'Ubutita
collective	rusange
collective security	Umutekano rusange
colonialism	ubukoloni
colony	ahakolonijwe
command economy	ibwiriza bukungu
commercial revolution	impinduramatwara y'ubucuruzi
common good	akamaro rusange
common law	Itegeko rusange
communication	itumanaho
communism	ubukominisite

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
communist Party	Ishyaka rya gikomunisite
community	umuryango
concentration camp	Inkambi y'impunzi
concept	igitekerezo
conclusion	umwanzuro
conflict	amakimbirane
Confucianism	Idini rya confucius
Congress of Vienna	Inama y'i Viyeni
conquest	kwigarurira
conquistadores	abakoroni
consent	kwemerera
conservation of resources	Kwita ku mitungo
conservative	gutsimbarara
constitution	itegeko nshinga
constitutional monarchy	Ubwami bushingiye kw'itegeko nshinga
consumption	gukoresha
containment	gucunga
contemporary issues	ibibazo bigezweho
continent	umugabane
contribution	umusanzu
controversial events	ibitumvikanywaho
costs	ibiguzi
Counter Reformation	Kurwanya Ivugurura
country	igihugu
coup d'état	kudeta
Creoles	Igikerewore
crisis	ikibazo
Crusades	Ingendo z'ivugabutumwa
Cuban missile crisis	Ikibazo cy'intwaro muri Cuba
cultural diffusion	Ikwirakwira ry'umuco
Cultural Revolution	Impinduramatwara y'umuco
culture	umuco
customs	imigenzo
Czar	Umwami w'Abami
<b>D</b>	
Dark Ages	Ibihe Bibi
debt	umwenda
decline	kwanga
deforestation	gutsemba amashyamba
democracy	demokarasi
demographic patterns	imiterere y'abaturage
desertification	guhinduka ubutayu
despot	umunyagitugu
despotism	igitugu
detente	amahoro
developing country	Ibihugu bikize
diaspora	abari mu mahanga

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
dictatorship	igitugu
diplomacy	umubano
direct democracy	demokarasi itaziguye
discrimination	ivangura
discuss	kuganira
diseases	indwara
displaced persons	impunzi
dissident	urwanya ubutegetsi
distance	intera
distribution	ikwirakwiza
diversity	ikinyuranyo
divine right	uburenganzira bwImana
drug trafficking	gucuruza ibiyobyabwenge
dynasty	umuryango
<b>E</b>	
earth	isi
Eastern Hemisphere	Iburasirazuba bw'Isi
economic growth	iterambere ry'ubukungu
education	uburezi
effect	ingaruka
Egypt	Egiputa
election	itora
embargo	ambarigo
emigrate	kwimura
emperor	umugenga
empire	ubwami
encomienda system	Sisitemu encomienda
encounter	guhura
endangered species	Amoko ari mu kaga
enforce	Gushyira mu bikorwa
English Bill of Rights	Itegeko nshingary'Abongereza
enlightenment	ibwiriza
environment	ibidukikije
epidemic	ikiza
equal	bingana
era	igihe
Estates-General	Intara-Ruange
ethnic cleansing	itsembabwoko
ethnic conflict	amakimbirane y'ubwoko
ethnic groups	amatsinda y'ubwoko
ethnic tension	gukurura ubwoko
ethnocentrism	ubwoko bw'inshi
Eurasia	Uburayi na Aziya
Eurodollar	amayero n'amadolari
European Union	Ubumwe bw'uburayi
events	ibikorwa
excommunication	kwirukana

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
expansion	kwiyongera
exploitation	kubyaza umusaruroikoreshereze
exploration	gushakisha
export	kohereza haze
extraterritoriality	Akarere ko hanze
<b>F</b>	
fact	ihame
factors	ishingiro
famine	inzara
Fascism	Abafashisite
Fascist Party	Ishyaka ry'abafashisite
federation	Ihuriro
Fertile Crescent	Akarere karumbuka cyane
feudalism	uburetwa
fiefdom	igikingi
folklore	Umuco gakondoibisobanuro
foreign	amahanga
foreign aid	Inkunga y'amahanga
foreign policy	Politikii yo hanze
free trade	isoko rusange
French Revolution	Impinduramatwara y'Abafaransa
fundamentalism	Imyizerere shingiro
<b>G</b>	
gender	igitsina
generations	ibisekuru
genocide	jenoside
geographic factors	Ishingiro y'isi
geography	Ubumenyi bw'isiakarere
ghetto	akavumo
glasnost	Politiki yo kwisanzura
global economy	ubukungu rusange
global history	amateka rusange
global market	Isoko rusange
global migration	lyimuka rusange
global trade	ubucuruzi rusange
global village	icyaro rusange
globalization	ihuzabukungu
globe	Umubumbe w'isi
Glorious Revolution	Impinduramatwara Ihebuje
goals	intego
gothic	ikigoti
government	leta
groups	amatsinda
guerrilla warfare	Intambara yo mu'ishyamba

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>H</b>	
Hammurabi Code	Itegeko rya Hamurabi
Hellenistic	Igihe cy'umuce wabagiriki
heretic	umuhakanyi
Hinduism	Imyizerere y'abahindu
Holocaust	Jenoside y'abayahudi
Holy Land	Igihugu Cyera
human rights	Uburenganzira bw'umuntu
humanism	Ibyerekeye abantu
humanitarian	ubutabazi
hunters and gatherers	Abahigi n' abahinzi
<b>I</b>	
ideas	ibitekerezo
immigration	kwimura
imperialism	ubutegetsi bw'igihugu
import	kwinjiza
income	icyinjizwa
Indian Empires	Ubwami bw'Abahindi
indulgences	indulugensiya
Indus Valley	Ikibaya cy'Indusi
Industrial Revolution	Impinduramatwara mu by'Inganda
industrialism	Kongera inganda
inflation	Kuzamuka kw'ibiciro
infrastructure	ibikorwaremezo
inquisition	urukiko
interdependence	kwihuza
interpretation	ibisobanuro
invasion	igitero
invention	ishakisha
Iron Curtain	Irido ry'Icyuma
irrigation	kuhira
Islam	isilamu
isolationism	ivangura
<b>J</b>	
jihad	intamabara ntagatifu
Judaism	Ubuyahudi
justice	ubutabera
<b>K</b>	
knowledge	ubumenyi
Koran	Korowani



**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>L</b>	
laissez-faire	Kwishyira ukizana
land grants	gutanga ibutaka
land reform	Ivugurura ry'ubutaka
language	ururimi
Latin America	Amerika y'Epfo
latitude	Umurongo muganda
legend	ubusobanurondanga
legislature	gushyiraho amategeko
liberal	bigenga
liberty	ubwigenge
Life expectancy	Ikizere cy'ubuzima
literacy	gusoma no kwandika
location	ubuturo
longitude	umurongo mbariro
<b>M</b>	
Magna Carta	Itegeko ry'Igihugu
maize	ikigori
majority	nyamwinshi
Mandate of Heaven	Itegeko ry'Imana
manor	inzu
maps	amakarita
Marshall Plan	Gahunda ya Marishali
Marxism	Amatwara ya Marx
massacre	itsembatsemba
Mecca	Maka
medieval	ikinyejana
Meiji Restoration	Igaruraho rya Meiji
mercantilism	Ubucuruzi bw'ubukungu
meridian	meridiye
Mesoamerica	Ibihugu bya Karayibe
Mesopotamia	Mezopotamiya
mestizos	abamesitizo
Mexican Revolution	Impinduramatwara ya Megizike
Middle Ages	Igihe cyo Hagati
Middle East	Uburasirazuba bwo Hagati
migrant	umwimukira
migration	kwimura
militarism	ibikorwa bya gisirikare
millennium	ikinyagihumbi
minority	nyamuke
missionary	umumisiyoneri
modern	bigezweho
monarchy	ubwami
Mongol	Abamongoli
monotheism	Imana imwe

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
monsoon	umuyaga
mosque	umusigiti
Mothers of the Plaza De Mayo	Ababyeyi ba Plaza De Mayo
mountains	imisozi
multicultural	Imico itandukanye
<b>N</b>	
Napoleonic Code	Itegeko rya Napolewo
nation state	leta y'igihugu
nationalism	gukunda igihugu
natural resources	Imitungo kamere
Nazism	Abanazi
negotiate	guciririkanya
Neolithic	neolitike
neutrality	kutabogamira
New Imperialism	Ubukoloni bushya
Ninety Five theses	Ibyahamijwe mirongo icenda na gatanu
Nobel Peace Prize	Igihembo cy'Amahoro cya Nobel
nobility	abanyacyubahiro
nomads	abimukira
nonalignment	Ibihugu bidafite aho bibogamiye
non-violence	ubworoherane
North America	Amerika y'Amajyaruguru
North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)	Amasezerano y'ubuhahirane muri Amerika y'Amajyaruguru(NAFTA)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	Umuryango wa (OTAN)
nuclear age	Igihe cy'ibitwako kirimbuzi
Nuremberg Trials	Imanza z' i Nuremberg
<b>O</b>	
oceans	inyanja
official	cyemewe
Old Imperialism	Ubukoloni bwa kera
oligarchy	Leta y'abantu bake
Olmec civilization	Iterambere rya Olmec
opinion	Igitekerezo
Opium War	Kurwanya ibiyobyabwenge
opposition	Abarwanya ubutegetsu
oral tradition	Imigenzo itanditswe
Organization of American States (OAS)	Umuryango w'ibihugu bya Amerika
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Umuryango w'ibihugu Bishora Peteroli (OPEC)
organizations	Imiryango
origin	inkomoko
Orthodox Christian Church	Idini ry'aborutodogisi
Ottoman	Ottoman
overpopulation	Kwiyongera kw'abaturage
overthrow	guhirika

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>P</b>	
Paleolithic	Igihe kibanziriza ikoreshwa ry'amabuye
Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)	Ishyaka ry'Ubwigenge bwa Palesitiniya
Panama Canal	Ubunigobwa Panama
parallel	bibangikanye
parliamentary system	Imikorere y'Inteko Ishinga Amategeko
partition	gucamo ibice
passive resistance	Ihangana rituje
patrician	umunyacyubahiro
Pax Romana	Pax Romana
Pearl Harbor	Pearl Harbor
peasants	abaturage
per capita income	amafaranga umuntu yinjiza
perestroika	perestroika
persecution	itoteza
Persian Gulf War	Intambara y'Ikigobe cya Perisi
perspective	Uko ibintu bimeze
pharaoh	farawo
philosophy	filozofi
photograph	ifoto
physical map	ikarita iboneka
pilgrimage	ahantu hatagatifu
plague	icyago
plebeian	umuturage
plebiscite	amatora
pluralism	ubwinshi
poem	umuvugo
pogroms	itsembatsemba
point of view	Uko ubona ibintu
political map	Ikarita yapolitike
political party	Ishyaka rya politike
political systems	Sisitemu ya politike
politics	politike
pollution	guhumanya
polytheism	Imana nyinshi
population	abaturage
post-Cold War	Nyuma y'Intambara y'ubutita
poverty	ubukene
power	imbaraga
Pre-Columbian civilizations	Imico yo mbere y'abanyaburayi
pre-history	Igihe cya mbere y'Amateka
prejudice	urwikekwe
president	perezida
primary source	inkomoko y'ibanze
prime minister	minisitiri w'intebe
privatization	guha abikorera
productivity	umusaruro

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
proletariat	abakozi
propaganda	kwamamaza
protectionism	kurinda ibicuruzwa
protectorate	uburinzi
Protestantism	ubuporotesitanti
public	rusange
public opinion	ibisobanuro rusange
Puritan Revolution	Impinduramatwara y’Abaporotesitanti
pyramids	piramide
<b>Q</b>	
queen	umwamikazi
quota	igipimo
<b>R</b>	
racism	irondako
rain forest	Imvura y’ishyamba
raw materials	Ibikoresho by’ibanze
rebellion	imyivumbagatanyo
Red Guards	Urubwiruko rw’impinduramatwara mu Bushinwa
reform	ubugorizi
reformation	kuvugurura
refugee	impunzi
regionalism	irondakarere
Reign of Terror	Kuganza kw’Impagarara
reincarnation	kongera
relationship	imibanire
religion	idini
religion belief	imyemererey’idini
religion group	itsinda ry’idini
Renaissance	kugaruraho
representative democracy	Demokarasi y’imbangamira
republic	repubulika
resources	ubutunzi
restoration	kugarura
revolution	impinduramatwara
Revolutionary War	Impinduka y’Intambara
river valley civilizations	Iterambere ry’ibibaya by’inzuzi
rivers	inzuzi
Roman Empire	Ubwami bwa Roma
rural	icyaro
Russian Revolution	Impinduramatwara y’Uburusiya
Russification	Iyubaka ry’Uburusiya

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>S</b>	
samurai	umurwanyi w’umuyapani
satellite nation	Igihugu kitigenga
scarcity	ipfa
scientific method	Uburyo bwa siyansi
secondary source	Inkomoko ikuirikira
secular	kitari ik’idini
segregation	ivangura
self-determination	kwiyezeza
self-government	leta yigenga
senate	sena
separation of church and state	Itandukanya ry’idini na leta
Sepoy Mutiny	Kwivumbagatanya kw’abasepoyi
serf	umugaragu
Shintoism	Imyemerere ya Shinto
shogun	shogu
Silk Road	umuhanda
slash and burn farming	ubuhinzi bwo gukata no gutwika
slave trade	ubucakara
slavery	ububata
social	umubano
social class	Urwego rw’imibereho
Social Darwinism	Umubano wa Darwnism
socialism	imibanire
socialist	abasosiyalisiti
solidarity	ubumwe
South America	Amerika y’amajyepfo
sovereignty	Ubutegetsi bw’ikirenga
Soviet Union	Leta zunze ubumwe z’Abasoviyeti
sphere of influence	ibihugu biyoborwa n’ibindi
stability	gutekana
standard of living	urwego rw’imibereho
state	ihanga
status	imimerere
steamboat	Ubwato bukoresha umwuka
stereotype	urugero
stratification	ishyira mu byiciro
structure	imiterere
subcontinent	Igice cy’umugabane
Sub-Saharan Africa	Afurika iri muni y’Ubutayu bwa Sahara
superpowers	ibihangange
Supply and demand	Gutanga no gusaba
symbols	ibirango

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
<b>T</b>	
Taiping Rebellion	Imyivumbagatanyo y'i Tayipingi
Taoism	Filozofi y'Ubushinwa
technology	ikoranabuhanga
terrorism	iterabwoba
theory	inyigisho
Third World	Ibihugu bikennye
Tiananmen Square	Urubuga rwa Tiyananimeni
timeline	Umurongo w'igihe
Torah	ibitabo bitanu bya Mose
totalitarianism	urukurikirane
trade imbalance	ubusumbane mubucuruzi
traditions	imico
treaties	amasezerano
Treaty of Versailles	Amasezerano y'i Verisaye
tribal group	Itsinda ry'amoko
tribalism	Irondakoko
tribunal	urukiko
Triple Alliance	Amasezerano y'Inyabutatu
Triple Entente	Ubwumvikane bw'inyabutatu
truce	imishyikirano
Twelve Tables	Imbonerahamwe cumi n'ebiri
tyranny	iyegeranya
<b>U</b>	
United Nations	Umuryango w'Abibumye
uprising	amakimbirane
urban	umugi
urbanization	iterambere mu mujyi
utopian reform	Ubugorozi budashoboka
<b>V</b>	
value	agaciro
vassal	umucakara
Vedas	Veda
viceroi	umutware
vote	itora
<b>W</b>	
war	intambara
Warsaw Pact	Igihango cya Varisovi
weapons	intwaro
Weimer Republic	Repubilika ya Weimer
Western Hemisphere	mu burengerazuba bw'isi
Westernization	Guhindura nk'abazungu
White Man's Burden	Umutwaro w'umuzungu
world	isi

**GLOBAL HISTORY GLOSSARY – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>KINYARWANDA</b>
World Bank	Banki y’Isi
World War I	Intambara ya mbere y’isi
World War II	Intambara ya ya kabiri y’isi
writing system	Uburyo bwo kwandika
<b>Z</b>	
Zionism	Ziyonizime
Zulu	Zulu