

Honors World History

Course Description/Goals:

Beginning with the ancient river valley civilizations, Honors World History traces the development of both Western and non-Western cultures. Throughout the study, an emphasis is placed upon the role of geography in shaping history. The course culminates with a study of developments in the world during the 20th century beginning with the world wars and ending with the problems of the 21st century. There will be an emphasis on critical thinking, problem solving, essay writing, and analytical reading of primary as well as secondary source documents. Students will participate in collaborative groups and class presentations that focus on developing communication and higher level thinking skills.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The World History TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) are organized into reporting categories, each focusing on a specific area of social studies. These categories include: History, Geography and Culture, Government and Citizenship, and Economics, Science, Technology and Society. Each category contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master.

[High School Social Studies TEKS](#)

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Neolithic & Early Empires-Classical Civilizations-Medieval Europe-The Rise of Islam-The Crusades-Gunpowder Empires-Chinese Dynasties-The Mongols-Renaissance-Age of Discovery-Enlightenment-Revolutions-Industrial Revolution-Imperialism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-World War I-Russian Revolution-Great Depression-World War II-Chinese Communist Revolution-Decolonization-The Cold War-Globalization-Modern Conflicts