

10th Grade World History Syllabus

Coach Rader – Lake Dallas High School

2025-2026 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 10th Grade at Lake Dallas High School! This syllabus outlines the course plan for your child's class this semester, including key topics, expectations, and how you can support their success. As required by Texas law (Senate Bill 12), this document serves as the instructional plan and is available for your review. I look forward to working with you and your child!

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Course Overview (Instructional Plan)

This school year, your child will study the following topics in World History Studies, based on Texas state standards (TEKS):

1. Unit 1: Pre-History/ Early Humans

- Learning objectives: Thinking like a historian, early humans, Neolithic era and Paleolithic era
- Activities: Vocabulary, Document Analysis, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

2. Unit 2: Ancient River Civilizations

- Learning objectives: First civilizations, fertile crescent, Mesopotamia, ancient river valleys.
- Activities: Vocabulary, Technology Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

3. Unit 3: Ancient Greece and Rome

- Learning objectives: Origins of democracy, Greek city-states, Alexander the Great, ancient Rome, Hammurabi's Code, Punic Wars
- Activities: Vocabulary, Philosophers Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

4. Unit 4: Islamic Civilizations/India/Asia

- Learning objectives: Founding of Islam, Chinese Dynasties, Mongols
- Activities: Vocabulary, Technology Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

5. Unit 5: Middle Ages

- Learning objectives: Black Death, Crusades, Feudalism, Art, Culture, Catholic Church
- Activities: Vocabulary, Document Analysis, Black Death Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

6. Unit 6: Exploration/Absolutism

- Learning objectives: Age of discovery, Columbus, Columbian Exchange, Monarchs, Constitutional Monarchy.
- Activities: Vocabulary, Document Analysis, Exploration Project, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

7. Unit 7: Enlightenment/Age of Revolution

- Learning objectives: Age of reason, American/French/Russian Revolutions
- Activities: Vocabulary, Revolution compare/contrast, Technology Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

8. Unit 8: World War I

- Learning objectives: Causes of WWI, leaders of WWI, key events of WWI, Treaty of Versailles, Impact of WWI
- Activities: Vocabulary, Varied Document Analysis, Big Topics Research Assignment, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz

9. Unit 9: Great Depression/WWII

- Learning objectives: Stock market crash, Herbert Hoover, FDR, Dust Bowl, Causes of WWII, leaders of WWII, Hitler, Truman, Stalin.
- Activities: Vocabulary, Varied Document Analysis, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz. Presidents analysis

10. Unit 10: Cold War

- Learning objectives: USA vs USSR, space race, Stalin, Truman, JFK, Marshall Plan
- Activities: Vocabulary, Major Event Research Assignment, Student Presentations, Review Game, Daily Warmup Questions, Quiz.

11. Unit 11: Modern Era

- Learning objectives: 90's technology boom, 9/11, war against terrorism.
- Activities: Vocabulary, Review Sheets, Class Discussion

Thank you for supporting your child's education! Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Coach Rader