

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus – PAC World History

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: PAC World History

Course Description: This course is a general study of World History from 8000 BCE to the present with a focus on building skills for success in advanced coursework. Students will examine the political, economic, religious, social, and cultural development of civilizations across the globe. Emphasis will be placed on major turning points in history, including the growth of river valley civilizations, classical empires, world religions, global interactions, revolutions, industrialization, world wars, and globalization. Emphasis will be placed on developing historical thinking skills, critical reading, academic writing, and analysis of primary and secondary sources.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
Foundations of Civilization 8000 BC-500 BC - Neolithic Revolution - Early River Valley Civilizations - Characteristics of Civilizations - Mesopotamia - Ancient Egypt - Ancient China - Ancient Indus Emergence and Collapse of Classical Empires 500 BC-600 AD - Persian Empire - Mauryan and Gupta Empires of India - Classical Chinese Empires Qin and Han Dynasties - Ancient Greece - Ancient Rome	Emergence and Collapse of Classical Empires 500 BC-600 AD - Persian Empire - Mauryan and Gupta Empires of India - Classical Chinese Empires Qin and Han Dynasties - Ancient Greece - Ancient Rome Medieval Rebuilding and Reconsolidation 600-1450 - Byzantine Empire - Frankish Empire - Feudalism and Manorialism - Islamic Empire - Spread of Islam - Post-Classical China Tang and Song Dynasties - Crusades - Silk Road and Indian Ocean Trade - Mongol Empire

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
An Expanding World 1450-1750 - Ming China - Ottoman Empire - European Exploration - Colombian Exchange Ideas Change the World 1450-1750 - Renaissance Artists and Writers - Protestant Reformation - Sikhism in India - Scientific Revolution - Enlightenment Political Revolutions 1750-1914 - American Revolution - Absolute Monarchs in Europe - French Revolution - Napoleon - Latin American Independence Movements	Industrialization and Imperialism 1750-1914 - Industrialization - New Economic Theories - Nationalism - Imperialism in Africa and Asia Global Conflicts 1914-Present - World War I - Russian Revolution - Interwar Period - World War II An Interdependent World 1914-Present - Cold War - Decolonization and Independence Movements - Genocides - Terrorism - Globalization

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*