

WORLD HISTORY

Welcome to World History! This guide will help you understand what your student will learn in World History and how you can support their learning at home. This required course provides a comprehensive study of global civilizations, major historical events, and the development of societies from ancient times to the modern era. Students will explore how historical themes connect across time and place, helping them become informed global citizens. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

Course focus: A Global Journey Through Time

Your child will explore world history through six major themes and time periods: ancient civilizations, classical empires, medieval societies, global interactions, revolutions & reform, and modern conflicts & globalization.

ANCIENT TO CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

- Compare early civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China
- Explore the rise and fall of empires like Greece, Rome, Maurya, Gupta, and Han
- Understand the development of major world religions and philosophies

MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN PERIODS

- Analyze the Byzantine Empire, Islamic Caliphates, and Mongol expansion
- Study the Middle Ages in Europe and Asia, including feudalism and the Crusades
- Examine the Renaissance, Reformation, and global exploration

REVOLUTIONS AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

- Investigate political revolutions (American, French, Haitian, Latin American)
- Understand the Industrial Revolution and its global impact
- Explore nationalism, imperialism, and the reshaping of global power

20TH CENTURY

- Study World Wars I and II, the Cold War, and decolonization
- Analyze global conflicts, economic shifts, and cultural movements
- Examine globalization, technology, and contemporary world issues

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

High school students engage in:

- Critical Thinking: Analyzing primary and secondary sources
- Research & Writing: Developing historical arguments and essays
- Discussion & Debate: Exploring multiple perspectives on historical events
- Project-Based Learning: Creating timelines, presentations, and digital media

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Interpret historical documents and artifacts
- Compare civilizations and historical developments
- Understand cause and effect in global history
- Use maps, timelines, and data to support analysis
- · Communicate ideas clearly in writing and discussion

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Discuss historical events and their relevance today
- Encourage reading biographies, historical fiction, or documentaries
- Visit museums, cultural centers, or historical landmarks
- Support research projects by helping locate reliable sources

World History helps students understand the complexity of the human experience and prepares them to think critically about the past and its impact on the present and future.

