

World History

Course Number: SS1108

Grade level: 9–12

Credits: 1.0

Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description

Beginning with topics from prehistory and culminating in the events of the 21st century, SS1108 provides interactive course content that will challenge high school students to learn about the political, economics, and social aspects of world history. This highly engaging, two-semester course encourages students to explore the major revolutions and social movements that have influenced different nations and eventually spread throughout the world. During this course, students will be exposed to a variety of pressing issues that have garnered opportunities for both conflict and cooperation in the modern world.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Trace and analyze the development of civilization in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas and explore how societies change over time
- Describe the emergence of monarchical rule, and examine its effects on the development of government, society, and economic change
- Investigate the causes of global exploration, and explore the effects of imperialism and colonialism on global interactions
- Analyze the causes of revolutionary and nationalist movements, and evaluate their long term effects
- Explore the conflicts between nations to present day, and analyze their impact on modern issues
- Describe cultural characteristics of societies over time, including the role of women, religion, and art and literature, and investigate the effects of technological innovation on economic and social change
- Use social studies skills to access, interpret, and apply information from a variety of sources

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, e-mail, chat, and system announcements. Through this communication with your teacher, you will monitor your progress through the course and improve your learning by reviewing material that was challenging for you.

You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face-to-face, as you do the following:

- Collaborate on projects
- Ask and answer questions in your peer group
- Develop speaking and listening skills

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Assignments	10%
Essays	0%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	50%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into the Virtual Classroom, you can view the entire course map, which provides a scope and sequence of all topics you will study. Clicking a lesson's link in the course map leads to a page listing instructional activities, assignments, and learning objectives specific to that lesson. The units of study are summarized below.

Unit 1: Emergence of the First Civilizations

Unit 2: Rise of New Empires

Unit 3: Beginnings of a Modern World

Unit 4: The First Global Age

Unit 5: Enlightenment and Revolution

Unit 6: Imperialism and Democracy

Unit 7: The World at War

Unit 8: The Modern Age