

World History: Early Civilizations to Present Day

Unit 1: Foundations of Civilization

Investigative Question: What economic, social-cultural, environmental and political factors connected societies in the past?

1. Thinking Like a Historian
 2. Neolithic Revolution
 3. Characteristics of Civilizations
 4. Mesopotamia and Egypt
 5. India and China
 6. Impact of Early Governments
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Unit 2: Classical Civilizations

Investigative Question: How did the development and diffusion of social-cultural and political ideas, systems, and institutions impact societies in the past?

1. Impact of Religions and Ethical Systems
 2. The Rise of Classical Asian Empires
 3. Fall of Classical Asian Empires
 4. Classical Greece
 5. Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire
 6. Lasting Contributions of Classical Civilizations
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Unit 3: Emerging Societies

Investigative Question: How did political, economic, and cultural developments impact past societies?

1. Medieval Europe
2. The Rise and Spread of Islam



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3. The Impact of Islam
 4. African Empires
 5. Feudal Japan
 6. American Civilizations
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Unit 4: Conflict and Cooperation

Investigative Question: How did global interactions and exchange unite and divide people in the past?

1. Byzantine Empire
 2. The Crusades
 3. The Medieval Era Ends
 4. Chinese Imperial Dynasties
 5. The Mongol Empire
 6. Cultural and Economic Exchange
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Unit 5: Renaissance and Reformation

Investigative Question: How did new ideas and global interactions reshape societies?

1. Renaissance Begins
2. Renaissance Spreads
3. Protestant Reformation
4. Catholic Reformation
5. Scientific Revolution
6. Age of Exploration



Unit 6: Revolutions

Investigative Question: How do revolutions change societies?

1. Enlightenment Ideas
 2. American Revolution
 3. French Revolution
 4. Latin American Revolutions
 5. Industrial Revolution
 6. Responses to Industrialization
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Unit 7: Imperialism

Investigative Question: How did industrialization and imperialism transform the world?

1. Imperialism and Its Causes
 2. Imperialism in Africa
 3. Imperialism in Asia
 4. Responses to Imperialism
 5. Meiji Restoration
 6. Global Consequences of Imperialism
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Unit 8: World War I

Investigative Question: How did World War I reshape the world?

1. Causes of World War I
2. Fighting the War
3. The Home Front
4. End of the War
5. Treaty of Versailles
6. Lasting Effects of World War I



Unit 9: Between the Wars

Investigative Question: How did economic, political, and social changes shape the world between the wars?

1. Russian Revolution and Soviet Union
 2. Global Economic Crisis
 3. Rise of Totalitarianism
 4. Nationalism in Asia
 5. Nationalism in Africa and the Middle East
 6. Culture Between the Wars
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Unit 10: World War II

Investigative Question: How did World War II transform societies and global power?

1. Causes of World War II
 2. Axis Advances
 3. Allied Victory
 4. The Holocaust
 5. The Home Front
 6. Consequences of World War II
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Unit 11: The Cold War

Investigative Question: How did competition between global powers shape the modern world?

1. Origins of the Cold War
2. Cold War Conflicts
3. Decolonization
4. China Since 1949
5. Collapse of the Soviet Union
6. Globalization



Unit 12: The Contemporary World

Investigative Question: How do global challenges and opportunities shape our world today?

1. International Cooperation
2. Human Rights
3. Global Economy
4. Technology and Communication
5. Environment and Sustainability
6. The Future of a Connected World