

World History Outline & Objectives

1st Six Weeks

First Humans; Pre-History – 3500 B.C.

- Early Humans.
- The Neolithic Revolution and the Rise of Civilization.

Western Asia and Egypt; 3500 – 500 B.C.

- Civilization Begins in Mesopotamia.
- Egyptian Civilization: “The Gift of the Nile”.
- New Centers of Civilization.
- The Rise of New Empires.

2nd Six Weeks

Ancient Greece, 1900 – 133 B.C.

- The First Greek Civilizations.
- The Greek City-States.
- Classical Greece.
- The Culture of Classical Greece.
- Alexander and the Hellenistic Kingdoms.

Rome and the Rise of Christianity 600 B.C. – A.D. 500

- The Rise of Rome.
- From Republic to Empire.
- Culture and Society in the Roman World.
- The Development of Christianity.
- Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.

3rd Six Weeks

The World of Islam, 600 – 1500

- The Rise of Islam.
- The Arab Empire and Its Successors.
- Islamic Civilization.
- The Culture of Islam.

Early African Civilizations, 2000 B.C. – A.D. 1500

- The Development of Civilizations in Africa.
- Kingdoms and States of Africa.
- African Society and Culture.

The Asian World, 400 – 1500

- China Reunified.
- The Mongols and China.
- Early Japan and Korea.
- India after the Guptas.

- Civilization in Southeast Asia.

4th Six Weeks

Emerging Europe and the Byzantine Empire, 400 – 1300

- Transforming the Roman World.
- Feudalism.
- The Growth of European Kingdoms.
- The Byzantine Empire and the Crusades.

Europe in the Middle Ages, 1000 – 1500

- Peasants, Trade, and Cities.
- Christianity and Medieval Civilization.
- The Culture of the High Middle Ages.
- The Late Middle Ages.

The Americas, 400 – 1500

- The People of North America.
- Early Civilization in Mesoamerica.
- Early Civilization in South America.

Renaissance and Reformation, 1350 – 1600

- The Renaissance.
- The Intellectual and Artistic Renaissance.
- The Protestant Reformation.
- The Spread of Protestantism and the Catholic Response.

5th Six Weeks

The Age of Exploration, 1500 – 1800

- Exploration and Expansion.
- Africa in an Age of Transition.
- Southeast Asia in the Era of the Spice Trade.

Crisis and Absolutism in Europe, 1550 – 1715

- Europe in Crisis: The Wars of Religion.
- Social Crises, War, and Revolution.
- Response to Crisis: Absolutism.
- The World of European Culture.

The Muslim Empires, 1450 – 1800

- The Ottoman Empire.
- The Rule of the Safavids.
- The Grandeur of the Mongols.

The Height of Imperialism, 1800 – 1914

- Colonial Rule in Southeast Asia.
- Empire Building in Africa.

- British Rule in India.
- Nation Building in Latin America.

6th Six Weeks

War and Revolution, 1914 – 1919

- The Road to World War I.
- The War.
- The Russian Revolution.
- The End of the War.

The West Between the Wars, 1919 – 1939

- The Futile Search for Stability.
- The Rise of Dictatorial Regimes.
- Hitler and Nazi Germany.
- Cultural and Intellectual Trends.

Nationalism Around the World, 1919 – 1939

- Nationalism in the Middle East.
- Nationalism in Africa.
- Revolutionary Chaos in China.
- Nationalism in Latin America.

World War II, 1939 – 1945

- Paths to War.
- The Course of World War II.
- The New Order and the Holocaust.
- The Home Front and the Aftermath of the War.



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