

Portable Assisted Study Sequence
World History A

SCOPE

This course is divided into two semesters of study (A & B—in progress) comprised of five units each. The first half of the course (A) provides a comprehensive exploration starting with what historians estimate occurred in prehistory, continuing through the dawn of recorded history and ancient civilizations. It proceeds through various eras in all areas of the world concluding with events and significant changes through the 1800s.

SEQUENCE

UNIT 1 – Early Times

1. What is History?
2. Career Connection: Professions in History
3. Pre-historical Theories
4. The Human Journey, Development, & the Neolithic Revolution
5. Ancient Mesopotamia
6. Ancient Egypt
7. Ancient China
8. The Greek World
9. The Roman Empire
10. The Byzantine Empire
11. Medieval Europe
12. Crusades & Trades
13. The Birth of Modern-Day World Religions

UNIT 2 – Roots of Western Culture (1400-1800)

1. The Age of Exploration
2. The European Renaissance
3. The Reformation
4. The Spread of Protestantism & Religious Wars
5. Witch Hunting
6. The Changing Face of Government
7. Absolutism and Constitutionalism
8. The Scientific Revolution
9. The Enlightenment
10. European Society & Culture
11. Women and Family in Europe
12. European War and Peace
13. Europe's Early Economy

UNIT 3 – Africa & the New World

1. Empires of War
2. Spanish Colonial Economies
3. Native Peoples of North America
4. Southern Living
5. The Northern Colonies
6. The Middle Colonies: New York & Pennsylvania
7. French America
8. West Indies
9. African States
10. Columbian Exchange
11. The Slave Trade
12. The Race for Colonization
13. Opening Doors to Imperialism

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UNIT 4 – The Middle East, India, and East Asia and Beyond (1400-1800)

1. Islamic Empires: the Ottomans
2. Islamic Empires: the Safavid Empire
3. The Mughals of India
4. Trade Empires of the Indian Ocean
5. Joseon Dynasty of Korea
6. Tokugawa Shogunate (Japan)
7. Ming China (1368-1644)
8. Qing China
9. Imperialism
10. Russian Empire 1400- 1796
11. Cultural Differences
12. The Land Down Under
13. Research Project

UNIT 5 – The World in Revolution

1. Prelude to Revolution
2. Patriot Dreams
3. The French Revolution
4. Hero or Horrible: Napoleon Bonaparte
5. Revolution in Haiti
6. South American Revolution
7. Viva la Mexico!
8. Freedom for ALL?
9. Industrial Revolution
10. Life after the Industrial Revolution
11. Reaction: Laizze-faire Government, Positivism, and Socialism
12. Imperialism
13. Effects of Imperialism