

World History 1

SSTH 031 060

Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours / NCAA

Course Description

This course is an introduction to world history that traces human development from ancient times to the beginning of the eighteenth century. Students will learn the facts, concepts, and principles they need to gain a better grasp on the history, culture, political, social, and economic developments of many different societies around the globe. Special attention is given to the civilizations that developed in the Middle East, India, China, Africa, and Latin America as well as those in Europe and North America.

Course Objectives

There are more specific objectives listed individually in each lesson, but the ultimate goal is that, by the end of the course, you will know and use these facts, concepts, principles, theories, and models to gain a better grasp on the following and be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of how we study the past.
2. Discuss the basic features of a civilization and the conditions under which they first developed.
3. Summarize the rise and contributions of the early civilizations of Egypt, the Middle East, India and China.
4. Summarize the basic teachings of Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam.
5. Analyze the political, social, and cultural influence of religion on world history.
6. Discuss the city-states of ancient Greece.
7. Evaluate the institutions and traditions of the Roman Republic.
8. Summarize the rise and decline of the Roman empire.
9. Describe the development of Western Europe in the Middle Ages.
10. Review the influence of the Byzantine empire in Eastern Europe.
11. Explore the artistic and cultural innovations of the Renaissance.
12. Understand the importance of the Protestant Reformation.
13. Appreciate the cultures that developed in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East during the Middle Ages.
14. Determine the impact of European exploration on Africa, Asia, and the Americas.
15. Understand the effects that global contact had on various civilizations around the world.
16. Appreciate the impact of the Atlantic slave trade on Europe and the Americas.
17. Understand how monarchies developed in Europe.
18. Form personal opinions about historical matters.

19. Defend your views with historic evidence.

Course Outline

Unit 1: The Earliest Civilizations

Teacher Connect Activity 1
Lesson 1: Foundations of Civilizations
Lesson 2: The Ancient Middle East and Egypt
Lesson 3: Ancient India and China
Unit 1 Evaluation
Project 1

Unit 2: The Civilizations of Greece, Rome, and the Americas

Lesson 4: Minoans and Mycenaeans of Ancient Greece
Lesson 5: The Growth of the Roman Republic
Lesson 6: Civilizations of the Americas
Unit 2 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 2
Progress Test 1

Unit 3: Europe and the Middle Ages

Lesson 7: The Early Middle Ages
Lesson 8: The High and Late Middle Ages
Lesson 9: Eastern Europe
Unit 3 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 3
Project 2

Unit 4: The Middle East, Asia, and Africa

Lesson 10: Muslim Civilization
Lesson 11: African Civilizations
Lesson 12: East and Southeast Asian Societies
Unit 4 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 4
Progress Test 2

Unit 5: Renaissance, Reformation, and the Beginning of Our Global Age

Lesson 13: The Renaissance and Reformation

Lesson 14: Our Global Age Begins

Lesson 15: Exploration of the Americas

Lesson 16: The Age of Absolutism

Unit 5 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 5

Project 3

Progress Test 3

Required Textbook and Materials

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Textbook: *Prentice Hall World History*. Elisabeth Gaynor Ellis and Anthony Esler.
Pearson Education. 2014. (ISBN: 9780133231335)