

## **a-g World History**

### **Course Description:**

This course should include the analysis of historical world events and the cultural, economic, geographical, and political interactions of people throughout history. Students will develop an understanding of historical origins of current world issues. Students will trace the rise of democratic ideas and ideals. It is recommended that students, at minimum, cover one of the following topics per semester in greater depth.

**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Length of Course:** One year required for graduation

**Year in School Taken:** 9 or 10

### **Course Objectives/Details:**

Coursework will include a thorough understanding and inquiry into the following topics:

Rise and growth of civilizations beginnings to 1532 AD, to include: Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Middle Ages

Era of regional civilizations and first empires 1000 BC to 1500 AD; to include: Africa, Americas, Africa, Asia, and India

Beginnings of modern world 1300 to 1700; to include: Renaissance, Exploration, and Reformation periods

European transformation and expansion: imperialism

World wide revolutions to include: Democratic (English), American, French, and Industrial revolutions

Development and origins of western political thought

World War I; its causes and consequences

Rise of totalitarian governments

World War II: its causes and consequences

International developments after World War II: origins of the cold war

Global interdependence and development: Middle East, Africa, Latin/Central America, Mexico, China,

Russia, Europe, and the United States

Examination of major historical turning points in shaping the modern world

Rise of democratic ideals: the origins, democratic developments

Industrial Revolution beginning in 18th century England

Conditions that led to World War I and subsequent consequences of the war

Totalitarian and the modern world: Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia

Nationalism in the contemporary world; choose, at minimum, one comparative study:

Soviet Union and China

Middle East: Israel and Syria

Sub-Saharan Africa: Ghana and South Africa

Developing nations: Latin/Central America and Brazil

**Methods for Evaluating Student Performance:**

Evaluation of student performance is based on individual abilities, interests, and talents. Methods by which student progress is assessed will be through a variety and/or combination of methods. The methods available include but are not limited to the following:

Monthly review of work by education specialist (credentialed teacher),

Portfolios

Parent facilitator and education specialist observation

Student demonstrations,

Student grades,

Student work samples

Written Examinations

Research Projects

**Texts:**

World History: Modern Times, California Edition

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 2006

ISBN: 0078678552

World History: The Human Experience, by Farah and Karls

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999

ISBN: 0028215761

World History: The Human Experience, The Early Ages

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999

ISBN: 0026641518

World History: The Human Experience, The Modern Era

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999

ISBN: 0028003977

Human Heritage, by Greenblatt and Lemmo

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999

ISBN: 0026638959

Glencoe World Geography

Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1997

ISBN: 00282171736

History of the Modern World: To 1815, by Colton, Joel

McGraw-Hill Companies, 1994

ISBN: 0070408297

History of the Modern World: Since 1815, by Colton, Joel

McGraw-Hill Companies, 1994

ISBN: 0070408300

Experiencing World History, by Adams, P.

New York University Press  
ISBN: 0814706908

World History, by McNeill, William H.  
Oxford University Press, 1998  
ISBN: 019511616X

World History: The Human Odyssey  
West Educational Publishing, 1998  
ISBN: 0314205616

Civilizations: Past and Present  
Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley, 1996  
ISBN: 0673994295

Civilizations of the World  
Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley, 1997  
ISBN: 0673980006

History and Life  
Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley, 1993  
ISBN: 0673351688

World Cultures: A Global Mosaic  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 0134328477

World History: Connections to Today  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 0134343263

Patterns of Civilization  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 0139638857

The Pageant of World History  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 0130169242

The Western Heritage: Pre-history to Present  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 0136173837

Heritage of World Civilizations, Combined  
Prentice Hall - Social Studies, 1998  
ISBN: 013262494X