

AP World History Syllabus

Primary Text: The Earth and It's Peoples 2nd Edition from Houghton Mifflin

Secondary Text: World History Patterns of Interaction from McDougal Littell

Ancillaries: 1. DBQ Practice by Social Studies School Service

2. The Human Record reader volumes I and II from Houghton Mifflin

3. Transparencies from McDougal Littell ancillaries

First Six Weeks

I. Foundations

A. Developments

1. World Geography and Reasons for migration patterns
2. Key technological achievements
3. Greco-Roman
4. World Cultural diffusions via religion, trade, and conquest

Unit 1: World Geography (1 week)

- Recap of physical world geography
- Environmental conditions
- Population and cultural migrations

Project: UCLA research lecture on the availability of food and its impact on migration

Assessments: Mental mapping regions of World, Large Group Graded Discussion on UCLA paper

Unit 2: Greco-Roman culture and Indo-European Migrations (2 weeks)

- Greece (cultural diffusions to and fro)
- Rome (cultural influences/impacts) (trade/religion) (legacy)
- Han Empire
- Indo European Migrations

Project: Conrad Demarest model of Empire

Assessments: Test over Greece, Rome, Essay over Aryans' impact on India (Hinduism). Comparison Essay over Rome and the Han Empire. Persian Chart over empires

Unit 3: Ancient religions (1 week)

- Christianity and its schisms
- Islam
- Buddhism (diffusion)

Project: DBQ over Religion and Geography

Assessments: Test over Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. Project above.

Unit 4: Networks of Communication and Exchange (2weeks)

- Silk Road
- Indian Ocean
- Trans-Saharan
- Sub-Saharan

Project: Map of trade routes with cultural diffusions

Assessments: Test chapter 8 over trade routes and consequences. Map project above.

Second Six Weeks

II. 600-1450

A. Developments

1. Medieval Europe
2. Gupta Empire
3. Chinese dynastic cycle and cultural achievements
4. Civilizations of the Americas

Unit 1: European Feudalism (2 weeks)

- Germanic / Roman influences
- Byzantines
- Church influences
- Kievan Russia
- Crusades

Project: DBQ over Feudalism in Japan and Europe.

Assessments: Quiz over the Byzantines, Crusades. Test chapter 10

Unit 2: Transition from Maurya to Gupta Empire (1/2 week)

- Commerce and culture
- Political fragmentation

Assessments: Quiz over Mauryan / Gupta empires

Unit 3: Chinese Dynasties (2 weeks)

- Sui Empire
- Tang Empire (Buddhism)
- Song Empire (Economy and culture)

Project: Chinese Dynasty Chart outlining achievements and social environments of the Han empire through the Yuan Dynasty

Assessments: Dynasty Chart, Quiz over the Tang Empire, Test Chapter 11, Large Group Graded Discussion over Silver trade, LGGD over the voyages of Zheng He. DBQ on Confucianism.

Unit 4: American Civilizations (11/2 weeks)

- Mesoamerican civilizations
- Northern Peoples
- Andean Cultures

Project: DBQ over Aztec and Inca culture

Assessments: DBQ, Test Chapter 12

Third Six Weeks

III. 1450-1750

A. Developments

1. Rise and Domination of the Mongols, The Ming Empire
2. Korea and its neighbors
3. The Renaissance, The Reformation, and Absolutism
4. The Maritime Revolution
5. Colonial Societies, Economic Systems, and Slavery
6. Southwest Asia 1500-1750

Unit 1: The Mongols (2 weeks)

- Conquests
- Trade and the Plague
- Islamic Influence
- Yuan Empire and its effects
- The Rise of the Ming

Project: Comparison essay of The Yuan Dynasty to the Ming Dynasty

Assessments: Quiz Chapter 13, Essay, Test chapters 13 & 14

Unit 2: Korea, Japan, and Vietnam (1/2 week)

- Korea from the Mongols to the Yi
- Japanese Politics 1300-1500
- Vietnamese Culture 1200-1500

Assessments: Test Chapters 13 & 14

Unit 3: The Renaissance, The Reformation and Absolutism (1 week)

- Trading Cities, Military and Political Transformations (100 years War)
- The Reformation (Causes and Consequences)
- Absolutism (Causes and Issues)

Assessments: Change Over Time Essay Showing the political and social changes and continuities of Western Europe from the Reformation to the period of Absolutism, Test chapter 16

Unit 4: Maritime Revolution (1/2 week)

- Global Expansion
- Portuguese and Spanish Voyages
- Encounters with Europe

Assessments: Quiz over Chapter 17

Unit 5: Atlantic System and Africa (1 week)

- Columbian Exchange
- Capitalism and Mercantilism
- Triangle Trade

Project: Change Over Time Essay on the Native Americans: From Columbus to Independence

Assessments: Chapters 19 & 20 Test

Unit 6: Southwest Asia (1 week)

- The Ottoman Empire (Sleiman)
- The Safavids
- The Mughal

Assessments: Comparison Essay: Istanbul and Isfahan (Social, Political, Trade)

Fourth Six Weeks

IV. 1750-1914

A. Developments

1. Revolutions
2. Industrial Revolution
3. Qing Empire and Japanese Shogunate
4. Social Transformations
5. “New Imperialism”

Unit 1: Revolutions (2 weeks)

- American Revolution
- French Revolution
- Haitian Revolution
- Latin American Revolutions

Project: Revolutions “Book” with “chapters” over The American, French, Mexican, Chinese, and Bolshevik Revolutions.

Assessments: Book , Quiz over each Revolution

Large Group Graded Discussion on how Enlightenment ideas impacted Revolutions

Unit 2: Industrial Revolution (1 week)

- Causes
- Technology
- Positive and Negative Impacts
- Laissez Faire vs. Socialist Responses

Project: Change Over Time Essay covering 1750 to 1850 in Western Europe and America

Assessments: Quiz over Technological Revolution, Quiz over Agricultural Revolution, Test Chapter 24

Unit 3: Qing Empire and Japan (1 week)

- Disorder
- Opium War
- Fall of Qing
- Collapse of the Shogunate
- The Meiji Restoration

Assessments: Large Group Graded Discussion over the failure of the Shogunate in Japan, Test Chapter 27

Unit 4: Social Transformations and New Threats (1 week)

- Labor Movements
- Women's "Separate Sphere"
- Unification of Germany and German Nationalism
- The Rise of the U.S. and Japan

Project: DBQ over Japan and the West

Assessments: DBQ, Quiz on German Unification and Nationalism, Test Chapter 28

Unit 5: New Imperialism (1 week)

- Reasons for Imperialism
- African Imperialism
- Imperialism in Latin America
- Expansion of the World Economy

Project: DBQ on Imperialism

Fifth Six Weeks

V. 1914-Present

A. Developments

1. Great War and Russian Revolutions
2. Great Depression and World War II
3. Independence and Revolution

Unit 1: The Great War (2 weeks)

- Events and Stalemates
- Mandate System
- New Technologies

Assessments: Quiz over Mandate System in the Middle East, Test Chapter 30

Unit 2: Great Depression and World War (3 weeks)

- Stalin's Revolution
- Causes of Economic Crisis
- Depression in Industrialized and non-Industrialized Countries
- Rise of Fascism
- Events and Outcomes of the War
- The Holocaust

Project: Chart comparing a student picked Industrialized nation vs. a non-Industrialized nation

Assessments: Quiz over Stalin, Large Group Graded Discussion over Fascism, Test Chapter 31

Unit 3: Independence and Revolution (1 week)

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- India
- Mexico
- Argentina and Brazil

Assessment: 1 Quiz over each region above

Sixth Six Weeks

VI. 1914-Present Continued

A. Developments

1. Cold War
2. Post Cold War World
3. New Challenges

Unit 1: Cold War (2 weeks)

- Capitalism vs. Communism
- Korea
- Vietnam

Project: Comparison Chart of Capitalism and Communism (pros and cons)

Assessments: Test Chapters 33 & 34

Unit 2: Post Cold War World (2 weeks)

- Latin American Changes
- Islamic Revolutions in Iran and Afghanistan
- End of Bipolar World

Assessments: Test Chapters 33 & 34

Unit 3: New Challenges

- 9/11
- Afghanistan
- N. Korea
- Iraq
- Iran

Assessments: LGGD over new Challenges