

WORLD HISTORY

Essential Skills

The priority standards consist of the following skills:

- Concept Understanding: Demonstrate understanding of historical concepts and processes.
- Chronological Reasoning: Analyze causes, effects, and periodization in history.
- Contextualization: Analyze the context of historical events, documents, or developments.
- Comparison: Analyze similarities and differences between time periods, locations, events, etc.
- Source Analysis: Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources.
- Communication: Demonstrate effective communication through speaking, writing, and listening.

Course Content

The priority standards/skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through the course content as outlined below. Teachers select a minimum of two topics from each of the following five historical periods.

Emergence of civilization and classical societies

- Prehistoric humans and the Neolithic Revolution
- Early civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley, and China
- Classical Greece and Rome
- Classical China and India

Development, diffusion, and interaction of cultures

- Rise and spread of Islamic society
- Dynastic China
- Civilizations in Africa and the Americas
- Medieval Europe and Japan
- The Mongol Empire

Transition to the modern world

- The Renaissance and Reformation in Europe
- Absolutism, the Scientific Revolution, and the Enlightenment
- European colonialism and maritime empires
- Empires in Asia: Safavid, Moghul, Ottoman, and Russian
- Indigenous groups: Polynesia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Australia, and the Americas

Revolutions and imperialism

- Political revolutions: American, French, and Haitian
- Independence movements in Latin America and the Mexican Revolution
- The Industrial Revolution
- Western imperialism in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific

Global integration in the 20th and 21st centuries

- World War I and the Great Depression
- Revolutions in Russia and China
- World War II
- Decolonization in Africa and Asia and Indian independence
- The Cold War and collapse of the Soviet Union
- Globalization

