MS World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times delivers instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' knowledge of world history, from the Middle Ages through to the Renaissance and the Enlightenment. By constantly honing their ability to analyze history, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

The two-semester course is arranged in themed units, each with three to five lessons. In each unit, activities make complex ideas about world history accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. Each lesson includes a variety of activities such as direct instruction, application of skills, performance tasks, and formative and summative assessments. Students engage with the subject matter in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned content and demonstrate their learning through computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: The Classical Age

- Major Classical Civilizations
- Judaism and Christianity
- Wrap-Up: The Classical Age

Unit 2: Rome and Christendom

- Rome and the Byzantine Empire
- Europe in the Middle Ages
- Wrap-Up: Rome and Christendom

Unit 3: Southwestern Asia

- Southwestern Asia and Islam
- Islamic Empires
- Wrap-Up: Southwestern Asia

Unit 4: South Asia

- Religions in Asia
- India
- Wrap-Up: South Asia

Unit 5: East Asia

- China
- Japan
- Wrap-Up: East Asia

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Unit 6: Semester Wrap-Up

Unit 7: The Americas

- The Americas
- Empires in America
- Wrap-Up: The Americas

Unit 8: Africa

- Classical Africa
- African Kingdoms
- Wrap-Up: Africa

Unit 9: Sites of Encounter in the Medieval World

- World Exchange
- The Mongol Empire and East Asia
- Wrap-Up: Sites of Encounter in the Medieval World

Unit 10: Global Convergence

- World Exploration and Commerce
- Colonialism
- Wrap-Up: Global Convergence

Unit 11: The Impact of Ideas

- The Renaissance and Reformation
- The Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- Wrap-Up: The Impact of Ideas

Unit 12: Semester Wrap-Up

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