World History & Civilization is a two-semester course aligned to the Indiana Academic Standards for World History and Civilization. The course covers prehistory through the modern era, helping students understand how the modern world emerged from processes that began thousands of years ago when humans developed language, mobility, and commerce. Through primary sources, case studies, and research, students investigate the continuity and change of human culture, governments, economic systems, and social structures while connecting specific people, places, events, and ideas to larger historical trends. Students develop historical thinking skills through critical reading, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments that build their capacity to reason chronologically, interpret sources, identify connections, and construct well-supported arguments. Writing assignments include journal entries, essays, and visual presentations responding to primary sources and historical narratives, while discussion activities help students defend their positions and respond to others' viewpoints. The course provides rigorous instruction with relevant materials and active learning opportunities to ensure all students can master key historical thinking skills.

There are no required materials for this course.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Welcome to World History

- What Is World History?
- Historical Thinking Skills: Historiography and Chronology
- Historical Thinking Skills: Working with Sources
- Wrap-Up: Welcome to World History

Unit 2: The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations

- The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations
- The Neolithic Revolution
- Early River Valley Civilizations
- Daily Life in Early Civilizations
- Wrap-Up: The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations

Unit 3: Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions

- Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions
- Classical Civilizations of Persia, Greece, and Rome
- Art, Empire, and Trade in China and India
- The Development of Major World Religions
- Classical Era Civilizations of Africa and the Americas
- Wrap-Up: Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions

Unit 4: Regional and Transregional Interactions

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- Commerce and Exchange in Afro-Eurasia
- New Empires on the Rise
- Europe after the Fall of Rome
- The Aztec and Inca Empires
- Wrap-Up: Regional and Transregional Interactions

Unit 5: The Rise of the World's First Global Age

- The Rise of the World's First Global Age
- Transoceanic Encounters and Global Commerce
- Africa and the Atlantic World
- Expansion of Land Empires in Asia
- The Transformation of Europe
- Wrap-Up: The Rise of the World's First Global Age

Unit 6: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

Unit 7: World History: 1750 to the Present

- World History: 1750 to the Present
- Historical Thinking Skills: Causation and Interpretation
- Historical Thinking Skills: Writing and Arguing about History
- Wrap-Up: World History: 1750 to the Present

Unit 8: Revolutions in Science and Industry

- Revolutions in Science and Industry
- New Approaches to Science and Philosophy
- The Industrial Revolution
- Life in Industrialized Society
- Wrap-Up: Revolutions in Science and Industry

Unit 9: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political Revolutions

- Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political Revolutions
- An Era of Imperialism
- The American and French Revolutions
- Independence in the Americas
- Legacies of the Revolutions
- Wrap-Up: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political Revolutions

Unit 10: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

- Global Conflicts and Recoveries
- The First World War
- Life Between Wars
- The Second World War
- The Impact of Total War
- Wrap-Up: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

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Unit 11: Globalization and the World Today

- Globalization and the World Today
- Independence in Asia and Africa
- Communism and the Cold War
- The Middle East and Islam in the Modern Era
- Global Problems and Solutions
- Wrap-Up: Globalization and the World Today

Unit 12: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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