World History is a two-semester course that is 100 percent aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Social Studies. The course is designed to develop students' historical thinking skills by exploring the continuity and change of human culture, governments, economic systems, and social structures from prehistory to the modern world. Students will learn to connect specific people, places, events, and ideas to the larger trends of world history through analysis grounded in primary sources, case studies, and research. They will also practice reasoning chronologically, interpreting and synthesizing sources, and developing well-supported historical arguments through critical reading activities and application-oriented assignments. In addition, the course covers written and discussion-based activities in which students respond to primary sources and historical narratives, stake and defend their own claims, and present social studies content in a variety of formats.

There are no required materials for this course.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Welcome to Modern World History

- World History in the Modern Era
- Historical Thinking Skills: Historiography and Chronology
- Historical Thinking Skills: Working with Sources
- Foundations of the Modern World
- Wrap-Up: Welcome to Modern World History

Unit 2: The Rise of the World's First Global Age

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

Unit 3: Revolutions in Science and Industry

- The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
- The Industrial Revolution
- The Industrialized World
- Wrap-Up: Revolutions in Science and Industry

Unit 4: Imperialism and Political Revolutions

- Imperialism and Its Motivations
- Colonial Empires in Africa, India, Indochina, and the South Pacific
- Revolutions in North America and Europe
- Independence in the Americas
- Expanding Rights and Freedoms
- Wrap Up: Imperialism and Political Revolutions

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Unit 5: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Modern World History since 1914

- Modern World History since 1914
- Historical Thinking Skills: Causation and Interpretation
- Historical Thinking Skills: Writing and Arguing about History
- Wrap-Up: Modern World History since 1914

Unit 7: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

- World War I
- Life Between Wars
- The Rise of Totalitarianism
- World War II
- Wrap-Up: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

Unit 8: Decolonization, Nation Building, and the Cold War

- Decolonization and New States in Asia and the Middle East
- Decolonization and New States in Africa
- The Politics of the Cold War
- Communism and the End of the Cold War
- Wrap-Up: Decolonization, Nation Building, and the Cold War

Unit 9: Contemporary Issues

- Globalization and the World Economy
- Contemporary Culture: Balancing Tradition and Modernization
- International Cooperation and Conflict
- Genocide in the 20th and 21st Centuries
- Wrap-Up: Contemporary Issues

Unit 10: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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