



Southmoreland School District CP World History Curriculum Overview

CP World History Overview:

World History is approached as a problems study, with emphasis on world affairs. Students will be introduced to the history of cultures other than their own. A necessary examination of geography, culture, politics and economics will be interwoven with a strong historical element. Major regions to be covered include: Southwest Asia, China, Southeast Asia, Europe, Russia, the Indian Subcontinent and Africa. Student assessment will be directed toward vocabulary quizzes, differentiated learning projects, and chapter exams.

Module Titles:

Module 1: The World Before Modern Times

Module 2: Influence of Diverse Asian World c. 400-1500

Module 3: Renaissance and Reformation c. 1350-1600

Module 4: Age of Exploration, Absolutism, and Enlightenment c. 1550-1800

Module 5: Industrialization, Imperialism, WWI and WWII

Module 6: Cold War and Globalization

Module Overviews:

Module 1: The World Before Modern Times

Students examine the world before the modern era centering around an introduction to World History, the five themes of geography, and the developments leading to the rise of early man, the Neolithic Age, technology, and the first and second agricultural revolutions.

Module 2: Influence of Diverse Asian World c. 400-1500

Students are introduced to Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism as well as the rise of Islam and its rapid expansion in the Asian world from 400-1500 CE.

Module 3: Renaissance and Reformation c. 1350-1600

Students develop an understanding of Renaissance through the examination of three major Italian city states, as well as Humanism and Vernacular. The role of Martin Luther, the 95 Theses, John Calvin, and the Peace of Augsburg are analyzed in the development of the Reformation as well as the Counter-Reformation.



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Module 4: Age of Exploration, Absolutism, and Enlightenment c. 1550-1800

Students examine the Age of Exploration centering around Cortes, Columbus, da Gama, Magellan, Columbian Exchange, and Triangle Trade. An Analysis of the European wars of religion and rise of absolutism centers on the English Civil War, as well as the Absolute rule of Louis XIV, the Hapsburgs and the Romanovs. The module concludes with an overview of the Enlightened thinkers, the Scientific Revolution, the Atlantic Revolutions, and the French Revolution.

Module 5: Industrialization, Imperialism, WWI and WWII

An understanding and analysis of the age of Industrialism, imperialism, and global conflict, and the subsequent effects, focuses on the Industrial Revolution in England, the spread of nationalism, imperialism, militarism, and alliances leading to World War I, as well as the rise of totalitarianism and failure of the Treaty of Versailles's impact on the causes of World War II.

Module 6: Cold War and Globalization

Students develop an understanding of the Cold War, Berlin Wall, the fall of the Soviet era and the creation of the EU, as well as the Arab/Israeli conflict and modern terrorism. The module concludes with an analysis of overpopulation, Modern Genocides and other social issues, as well as the effects of artificial borders in both Africa and Southwest Asia.