

# World History Resources

## COURSE CONSIDERATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD HISTORY

Using inquiry in history high school students explore a variety of peoples, events, and movements in world history with a focus on inquiry into the impact of social, geographic, political, and economic influences on historical events. A world history course should include the study of the peoples of Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe. A balanced approach to the Eastern and Western Hemispheres is needed for a comprehensive study of world history topics. It is recommended that the course begin with the 15<sup>th</sup> century to allow for depth of content and connection to current issues and events. A world history course can be organized in a variety of ways including thematic, chronological, regional, or through case studies. The course should include but is not limited to the following topics of study:

- World Belief Systems including but not limited to Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Shintoism, Sikhism, Taoism, and as well as non-religious worldviews and ideologies (origins, founders, major tenets, practices, and sacred writings). Topics may include but are not limited to beliefs about the origins of the universe, political correctness, humanism, secularism, monotheism, polytheism, agnosticism and atheism
- Interregional interactions including but not limited to European exploration, the trans-African and trans-Atlantic slave systems, and land and oceanic trade systems
- Revolutions in thought
- Industrial Revolution including impact on both industrialized and non-industrialized nations and the origins of modern economic systems such as capitalism, communism and socialism including influential figures
- Political Revolutions such as French Revolution, Russian Revolution, Latin American Revolutions, and the Chinese Cultural Revolution.
- Global rise of Nation-States including both western and non-western states
- World War I, inter-war period, and World War II including causes, characteristics, and consequences; such as the world-wide depression, rise of fascism, totalitarianism, the spread of communism, and nationalism in China, Turkey, and India
- Holocaust and other genocides
- The Cold War including origins, the emergence of the Soviet Union and communist China, conflicts such as the Korean War, space race, arms race, and its impact on third world countries, and the collapse of the Soviet Union and its impact on the international community
- Global imperialism, decolonization, democratization, and its legacy Asia, Africa, and Latin America
- Contemporary global issues including but not limited to global terrorism, globalization, human rights, regional conflicts, population, environmental issues, technology and information age

**There are many topics to pursue in a World History course. LEAs should identify topical emphases to allow for depth of study needed to effectively engage student/learners in the inquiry process.**

Resource	Website	Description
Indian Ocean History	<a href="http://www.indianoceanhistory.org/">http://www.indianoceanhistory.org/</a>	Great lessons, maps, and primary sources all focused on the Indian Ocean basin.
Asia for Educators	<a href="http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/">http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/</a>	Great lessons, maps, and primary sources for Asia.

Teach Mideast	<a href="http://teachmideast.org/">http://teachmideast.org/</a>	Great free resources for educators and students centered on the Middle East that include lesson plans, tools, videos, and digital books.
Teaching the Middle East	<a href="http://teachmiddleeast.lib.uchicago.edu/index.html">http://teachmiddleeast.lib.uchicago.edu/index.html</a>	University of Chicago resources for educators on the Middle East with historical perspectives.
New Visions Social Studies Curriculum	<a href="https://curriculum.newvisions.org/social-studies">https://curriculum.newvisions.org/social-studies</a>	Use the Global History tabs to find resources, compelling questions, and lessons for course considerations.
Stanford History Education Group	<a href="https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons">https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons</a>	Document-based resources for world history. Lessons include documents, PowerPoints, and handouts all available to edit.
History Assessments – Beyond the Bubble	<a href="https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments">https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments</a>	History assessments for world that use disciplinary skills and processes standards to assess students.
Arizona Geographic Alliance	<a href="https://geoalliance.asu.edu/">https://geoalliance.asu.edu/</a>	Lessons and resources with a geography focus. Lessons are searchable by topic and grade level.
C3 Inquiry	<a href="http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/">http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/</a>	Search by topic to find inquiries that cover the course considerations. Use all or part of the inquiries in your classes.
Newsela	<a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a>	Current events searchable by topic, and grade level. Manipulate the lexile of the article to suit your students' needs.
Digital Public Library of America	<a href="https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/">https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/</a>	Primary source documents and lessons on world history.
Project Look Smart	<a href="https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main">https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main</a>	Sources and lessons organized by topic or by grade level and contains a media literacy focus. Many come with teacher and student guides.
Facing History and Ourselves	<a href="https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library">https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library</a>	Collection of primary sources and teacher resources on a variety of topics.
CommonLit	<a href="https://www.commonlit.org">https://www.commonlit.org</a>	Search the library for texts on a variety of subjects. Sources and lessons searchable by lexile and include reading guides.
Read Works	<a href="https://www.readworks.org/">https://www.readworks.org/</a>	Similar to Newsela. Searchable sources for social studies with adaptable lexile levels. Great resource for many topics.
Primary Source Nexus	<a href="http://primarysourcenexus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/">http://primarysourcenexus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/</a>	Resource partnered with the Library of Congress. Searchable topics and grade levels and includes lessons.
Teaching Tolerance	<a href="https://www.tolerance.org/">https://www.tolerance.org/</a>	Great K-12 lessons, posters, and film on civics, history, geography, and economics with a focus on tolerance and community.
PBS Media Learning	<a href="https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/">https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/</a>	Interactives, videos, lessons, galleries, audio, images, and documents all for K-12. Search by topics in addition to grade level.
EDSITEment	<a href="https://edsitement.neh.gov/">https://edsitement.neh.gov/</a>	Lessons from the National Endowment for the Humanities. All lessons are searchable by grade level or subject/topic.

Actively Learn	<a href="https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog">https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog</a>	Primary and secondary materials that can be used in inquiry-based instruction.
Docs Teach	<a href="https://www.docsteach.org/">https://www.docsteach.org/</a>	Primary and secondary documents all curated from the National Archives
The Smithsonian Museum	<a href="http://smithsonianeducation.org/">http://smithsonianeducation.org/</a>	Huge number of resources for many topics, not just social studies. Resources include lessons, video clips, and interactives. Read or watch the getting started guide to narrow your searches.
Teaching History.org	<a href="https://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials">https://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials</a>	Searchable lessons and resources for K-12 as well as teacher methodologies.
Women in World History	<a href="http://www.womeninworldhistory.com/">http://www.womeninworldhistory.com/</a>	Lessons, biographies, and reviews of documentaries of women throughout world history. Many primary sources that add perspective.
Teaching History with Technology	<a href="http://thwt.org/">http://thwt.org/</a>	Lessons, activities, multimedia and more for grades 6-12 on all social studies content areas.
History World	<a href="http://www.historyworld.net/">http://www.historyworld.net/</a>	Timelines, history texts, and a great Google map feature all geared toward world history.
National Geographic History Site	<a href="https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/history-civilization">https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/history-civilization</a>	Quality National Geographic video clips for world history. Other content areas are available to search for as well.
Annenberg Learner	<a href="https://www.learner.org/">https://www.learner.org/</a>	Annenberg Media's K-12 site for videos, lessons, and interactives. Other content areas are available as well.
The Choices Program	<a href="https://www.choices.edu/teaching-with-the-news/">https://www.choices.edu/teaching-with-the-news/</a>	Brown University's program of free lessons connected to current headlines.
Smithsonian Learning Lab	<a href="https://learninglab.si.edu/">https://learninglab.si.edu/</a>	Documents, artifacts, resources, and images for many different subjects.
Big History Project	<a href="https://school.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive">https://school.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive</a>	Great world history resources, lesson plans, maps, posters, all for free. Lessons also contain great cross-curricular items too.
World History for Us All	<a href="https://whfua.history.ucla.edu/">https://whfua.history.ucla.edu/</a>	Curriculum, units, and individual lessons for world history with a focus on primary sources.
National Geographic Education	<a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/">https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/</a>	National Geographic resources, lessons, geotools, and videos for world history.
Foreign Policy Research Institute	<a href="https://www.fpri.org/education/lesson-plans-teachers/">https://www.fpri.org/education/lesson-plans-teachers/</a>	Lesson plans developed by teachers focusing on modern issues combining multiple disciplines.
Constitutional Rights Foundation	<a href="https://www.crf-usa.org/">https://www.crf-usa.org/</a>	Sign up to receive their free mailer which contains at least one article that focuses on world history.
World History GeoInquires	<a href="https://www.esri.com/en-us/industries/education/schools/geoinquiries-world-history">https://www.esri.com/en-us/industries/education/schools/geoinquiries-world-history</a>	Great 15 minute inquiries that lead students through an investigation of world history using geotools.