

Honors World History A Pacing Guide

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Unit 1 – Welcome to World History (Weeks 1-2)

- LESSON 1: What Is World History?**
- LESSON 2: Historical Thinking Skills: Historiography and Chronology**
- LESSON 3: Historical Thinking Skills: Evidence and Arguments**
- LESSON 4: Wrap-Up: Welcome to World History**

Unit 2 – The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations (Weeks 3-5)

- LESSON 1: The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations**
- LESSON 2: The Neolithic Revolution**
- LESSON 3: Early River Valley Civilizations**
- LESSON 4: Daily Life in Early Civilizations**
- LESSON 5: Wrap-Up: The Rise of Agriculture and Early Civilizations**

Unit 3 – Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions (Weeks 6-9)

- LESSON 1: Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions**
- LESSON 2: Classical Civilizations of Persia, Greece, and Rome**
- LESSON 3: Art, Empire, and Trade in China and India**
- LESSON 4: The Development of Major World Religions**
- LESSON 5: Classical Era Civilizations of Africa and the Americas**
- LESSON 6: Wrap-Up: Classical Era Civilizations and World Religions**

Unit 4 – Regional and Transregional Interactions (Weeks 10-13)

LESSON 1: Regional and Transregional Interactions

LESSON 2: Commerce and Exchange in Afro-Eurasia

LESSON 3: : New Empires on the Rise

LESSON 4: Europe after the Fall of Rome

LESSON 5: The Aztec and Inca Empires

LESSON 6: Wrap-Up: Regional and Transregional Interactions

Unit 5 – The Rise of the World's First Global Age (Weeks 14-17)

LESSON 1: The Rise of the World's First Global Age

LESSON 2: Transoceanic Encounters and Global Commerce

LESSON 3: Africa and the Atlantic World

LESSON 4: Expansion of Land Empires in Asia

LESSON 5: The Transformation of Europe

LESSON 6: : Wrap-Up: The Rise of the World's First Global Age

Unit 6 – Semester Wrap-Up (Week 18)

LESSON 1: Semester Wrap-Up

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Unit 7 – World History: 1750 to the Present (Week 1-3)

LESSON 1: World History in the Modern Era
LESSON 2: Historical Thinking Skills: Causation and Contextualization
LESSON 3: Historical Thinking Skills: Interpretation and Synthesis
LESSON 4: Wrap-Up: World History: 1750 to the Present

Unit 8 – Revolutions in Science and Industry (Week 4-6)

LESSON 1: Revolutions in Science and Industry
LESSON 2: New Approaches to Science and Philosophy
LESSON 3: The Industrial Revolution
LESSON 4: Life in Industrialized Society
LESSON 5: Wrap-Up: Revolutions in Science and Industry

Unit 9 – Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political (Week 7-10)

LESSON 1: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political Revolutions
LESSON 2: An Era of Imperialism
LESSON 3: The American and French Revolutions
LESSON 4: Independence in the Americas
LESSON 5: Legacies of the Revolutions
LESSON 6: Wrap-Up: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Political Revolutions

Unit 10 – Global Conflicts and Recoveries (Week 11-14)

LESSON 1: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

LESSON 2: The First World War

LESSON 3: Life Between Wars

LESSON 4: The Second World War

LESSON 5: The Impact of Total War

LESSON 6: Wrap-Up: Global Conflicts and Recoveries

Unit 11 – Globalization and the World Today (Week 15-17)

LESSON 1: Globalization and the World Today

LESSON 2: Independence in Asia and Africa

LESSON 3: Communism and the Cold War

LESSON 4: The Middle East and Islam in the Modern Era

LESSON 5: Global Problems and Solutions

LESSON 6: Wrap-Up: Globalization and the World Today

Unit 12 – Semester Wrap-Up (Week 18)

LESSON 1: Semester Wrap-Up