

Early Civilization

Human Origins and the Neolithic Revolution

Analyze how the Neolithic Revolution led to the development of civilizations.

Explain how societies transformed from nomadic hunter and gatherer groups to agricultural societies.

Trace trends of migration from Africa.

The Fertile Crescent

Describe the accomplishments of the Sumerians.

Explain the purpose and impact of the Code of Hammurabi.

Identify the effects of geography on the settlement of Mesopotamia.

Phoenicia, Assyria, and Persia

Describe the characteristics of the Persian civilization.

Describe the contributions of the Phoenicians.

Explain the development of the Assyrian Empire.

Early Egypt

Analyze characteristics of the geography of ancient Egypt.

Describe the characteristics of the Old, New and Middle Kingdoms.

Explain the contributions of Egyptian pharaohs.

Judaism

Describe the origins of Judaism.

Explain the contributions of the kingdom of Israel and its leaders.

Identify characteristics of Judaism, and how they differ from other belief systems.

The Rise of China

Describe the beginnings of Chinese civilization in the Zhou and Qin dynasties.

Describe the geographic features of China and how they led to the development of civilization.

Explain the characteristics of the Han dynasty.

Indian Dynasties

Describe how geography contributed to the building of ancient Indian societies.

Describe the characteristics, advancement, and achievements of the Gupta empire.

Explain how Mauryan empire leaders affected Indian society.

Hinduism and Buddhism

Explain the significance of Aryan migration into India.

Identify major events in the development of Hinduism and Buddhism.

Summarize the features of Hinduism and Buddhism.



Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome

Athens and Sparta

Analyze how the Persian wars affected Greek city-states.

Identify the characteristics of the city-state of Athens.

Identify the characteristics of the city-state of Sparta.

Greece's Golden Age

Describe the events surrounding the Peloponnesian War.

Evaluate the philosophical, scientific, historical, and artistic contributions of the ancient Greeks.

Explain Pericles's changes to the Athenian system of government and compare it to the democracy in the United States.

Alexander's Empire

Analyze how the expansion of Alexander's empire impacted other civilizations.

Explain the creation and features of Hellenistic civilization.

The Republic of Rome

Analyze how the three branches of the Roman republic were models for future governments.

Evaluate why Rome transitioned from a republic to an empire.

Explain the early history of the city of Rome.

Roman Civilization

Describe the social characteristics of Roman society.

Explain the characteristics and challenges in the city of ancient Rome.

Explain the cultural characteristics of the Roman civilization and their impact on other societies.

Christianity

Analyze how Christianity became the official religion of Rome.

Describe the efforts of the disciples to spread Christianity after the death of Jesus.

Explain how Christianity emerged from Judaism.

The Fall of the Roman Empire

Analyze how splitting the Roman Empire contributed to its decline.

Analyze the short- and long-term causes of the collapse of the Roman Empire.

Identify factors that contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire.



Eastern Culture and Civilization

The Byzantine Empire

Analyze the factors that led to the separation of the Christian Church.

Describe the characteristics and achievements of the Byzantine Empire.

Explain the events that led to the fall of the Byzantine Empire.

Islam

Analyze how increased trade in the Arabian Peninsula led to a religiously diverse region.

Describe the role of Muhammad in the creation of the Islamic faith.

Explain the beliefs and practices of Islam.

Spread of Islam

Analyze the internal crisis that led to a split in Islam.

Explain the achievements that occurred during Islam's Golden Age.

Identify how the caliphs were able to facilitate the spread of Islam after Muhammad's death.

Ottoman and Mughal Empires

Describe how Ottoman and Mughal rulers promoted religious tolerance and respect for diversity.

Explain the achievements of the Mughal Empire and its rulers.

Explain the achievements of the Ottoman Empire and its rulers.

East and West African Civilizations

Analyze how trade impacted the development of West African empires.

Describe the characteristics of the West African empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai.

Explain the role of Islam in West African empires.

Imperial China

Describe the major contributions of the Tang and Song dynasties.

Explain how the Song dynasty unified China.

Explain how the Tang dynasty unified China.

Mongol Empire

Analyze how the Mongols adopted other cultures during their rule.

Describe the characteristics of the Mongol empire.

Explain the impact of Mongol rule in Russia and China.

Ming Dynasty

Analyze why China instituted a policy of isolationism.

Explain the achievements of the Ming dynasty.

Explain the government and economic policies of Ming emperors.



Medieval Europe

Early Middle Ages

Describe how and why church influence increased following the fall of the empire.

Explain how monarchs began to unite the people of Europe.

Explain the impact of the collapse of the Roman Empire on European society.

Feudalism

Analyze how attacks from the Vikings, Magyars, and Muslims impacted Europe.

Evaluate how the manor system impacted the people of Europe.

Explain the social and political structures that exist in a feudal system.

Life in the Early Middle Ages

Describe the differences in the daily lives of a noble, knight, and peasant.

Explain the roles of women and children in medieval society.

Church Authority in Europe

Describe the conflicts between the church and the European monarchs.

Explain the causes and effects of the Great Schism.

Explain the role of the church in the Middle Ages.

Government in England

Explain how the creation of the Magna Carta and parliament created a foundation for democratic rule.

Explain the impact of William the Conqueror's rule.

Identify ways that English kings reformed government.

Impact of the Crusades

Analyze the events of the Crusades.

Examine the impact of the Crusades on different cultures.

Explain the events that led to the pursuit of the Holy Land.

Challenges in Late Medieval Times

Analyze how the Great Famine and Black Death led to population changes in Europe.

Explain the causes and effects of the Hundred Years' War.



Transition to Modern Times

The Renaissance

Define the term renaissance, and explain how it resulted in new ideas.

Describe the influence of the Medici and other merchant families during the Renaissance.

Explain why the Renaissance began in northern Italy.

Literature and Philosophy of the Renaissance

Explain how Renaissance writers and philosophers incorporated new ideas into their works.

Explain the effects of humanism on Renaissance society.

Identify important philosophers and writers from the Renaissance and their works.

Artistic Achievements of the Renaissance

Compare Renaissance art to medieval art with regard to theme, technique, and purpose.

Describe the characteristics of Renaissance art.

Identify significant Renaissance artists and their works.

The Northern Renaissance

Describe why Italian Renaissance ideas spread across Europe.

Explain the impact of the Gutenberg press on European society.

Identify Northern Renaissance artists and writers and their contributions.

The Protestant Reformation

Describe Martin Luther's criticism of the church and his impact on the Reformation.

Explain the circumstances surrounding the Reformation in England.

Explain the origin and effects of Calvinism.

The Counter-Reformation

Describe the religious conflict that affected England following the Reformation.

Explain how the reformation led to war in Germany.

Identify the ideas of the Counter Reformation and how they impacted European society.

Civilizations in North and South America

Describe the social, political, and economic structure of the Inca and Aztec empires.

Explain ways in which early American civilizations adopted features of earlier civilizations.

Identify the characteristics of early American civilizations.

Voyages of Exploration

Determine how new technologies improve travel for exploration.

Explain European motivations for exploration.

Identify the impact each exploration and explorer made on society.



Conquest of the Americas

Describe the Spanish conquest of the Aztec and Inca empires.

Explain Spain's motivations for colonization in the New World.

Explain the effects of Spanish colonization on the American Indians in the New World.

Three Worlds Meet

Describe the impact of the Triangular Trade on the African people.

Determine the impact of the Columbian Exchange on Old World and New World societies.

Explain how the Commercial Revolution impacted Europe.

Explain the roles of explorers and conquistadors.

Absolutism and the Rising Tide of Revolution

Absolute Monarchy in Europe

Describe the development of absolute rule in Spain, France, and Russia.

Explain how absolutism changed European government.

Explain the characteristics of absolute rule.

The Glorious Revolution

Analyze the events surrounding the English Civil War.

Describe the causes and effects of the Glorious Revolution.

Describe the relationship between the monarchs of England and parliament from the reign of Elizabeth I up to the English Civil War.

The Scientific Revolution

Describe the causes and effects of the scientific revolution.

Explain how scientific thought changed from ancient times through the scientific revolution.

Identify the achievements and contributions of scientific thinkers during the scientific revolution.

The Enlightenment

Analyze the factors that led to the Enlightenment.

Analyze the ideas and philosophies of Enlightenment thinkers.

Describe the impact of the Enlightenment on government and society, including its effect on the rights of women.

The French Revolution Begins

Analyze the events that occurred in the early days of the Revolution.

Describe the causes of the French Revolution.

Describe the social and economic inequalities that existed in France under the Old Regime.

The Reign of Terror

Analyze the European reaction to the events of the French Revolution.

Describe the events of the French Revolution following the storming of the Bastille.

Explain the events and effects of the Reign of Terror.



Compare and Contrast Revolutions

Analyze the outcomes of the Glorious, American, and French Revolutions.

Define the goals of the Glorious, American, and French Revolutions.

Identify the causes of the Glorious, American, and French Revolutions.

Napoleon's Rise and Fall

Analyze how Napoleon used a coup d'etat to establish absolute rule.

Describe how Napoleon's rules reflected the ideals of the Enlightenment.

Explain the factors that led to the fall of Napoleon's empire.

Nationalism and Industrialism

Age of Revolutions

Analyze the impact of the Congress of Vienna.

Evaluate how revolutionary movements impacted Europe.

Explain the underlying causes and effects of the revolts in France.

Rise of the Nation-State

Describe the concept of nationalism.

Describe the impact of nationalism on the unification of Germany.

Describe the impact of nationalism on the unification of Italy.

Latin American Revolutions

Describe the causes and effects of the Revolution in Haiti.

Explain how Latin American countries gained independence.

Explain how the challenges facing Latin American countries following their independence led to political instability.

The Industrial Age

Analyze why the Industrial Revolution began in England.

Examine how the Industrial Revolution led to improvements in transportation.

Explain the impact of the agricultural and industrial revolutions on society.

The Growth of Cities

Describe the effects of urbanization.

Explain the working and living conditions in industrial societies of the 1800s.

Identify the positive and negative effects of industrialization.

Impact of the Industrial Age

Explain how industrialization spread from Britain to the United States and the continent of Europe.

Explain the impact of industrialization on culture.

Identify innovations and advancements that resulted from industrialization.



Age of Reform

Describe the reform movements of the 1800s.

Explain steps taken by workers and unions to improve working conditions.

New Economic Theories

Describe the principles of capitalism as defined by Adam Smith.

Explain how problems arising from industrialization led to new economic theories.

Explain the principles of socialism and communism.

Writing Workshop: An Argumentative Essay about Economic Systems

Construct an argumentative essay that supports a specific claim or idea.

Organize reasons and evidence to form a clear and coherent argument.

Revise, edit, and rewrite for ideas, organization, and voice.

Imperialism and World War I

The New Imperialism

Analyze the social reasons for imperialism and its spread.

Describe the characteristics and causes of imperialism.

Evaluate the similarities and differences between new and old imperialism.

Spheres of Influence in Muslim Lands

Describe the course of British imperialism in Egypt.

Examine how European powers created imperialist states in Muslim lands.

Explain the causes and effects of the Crimean War.

India under British Rule

Describe the effects of British Imperialism on the population of India.

Explain how the East India Company colonized and ruled territory in India.

Explain the causes and effects of the creation of the British Raj.

Imperialism in East Asia

Analyze the reasons for the fall of the Chinese imperial government.

Explain how European powers increased their influence in China.

Identify the causes and effects of the Opium Wars.

The Rise of Modern Japan

Analyze the shift of Japan from isolation to an imperialistic nation.

Explain how Japan was able to win the Sino-Japanese and Russo-Japanese Wars

Explain how the Meiji restoration transformed Japan.



Imperialism in Africa

Describe how Europeans took control of Africa through colonization.

Describe the motivations for imperialism in Africa.

Explain the political, social, and economic effects of imperialism.

Writing Workshop: Geography, Industrialization, and Imperialism

Construct an argumentative essay that supports a specific claim or idea.

Organize and write a clear and coherent argumentative essay based on reason and evidence using a style appropriate to purpose and audience.

Revise, edit, and rewrite for ideas, organization, and voice.

Support a claim with specific, textual evidence.

World War I Begins

Analyze the causes of World War I.

Describe the events that finally led to the declaration of war.

Explain factors that contributed to tensions among European powers.

A New Kind of War

Describe the effects of new technology on warfare.

Explain how trench warfare created a stalemate.

Explain the characteristics of total warfare.

World War I Ends

Analyze the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

Explain why Russia exited the war.

Identify reasons why the United States entered the war.

The Interwar Years and World War II

Revolution in Russia

Analyze the causes and effects of the Russian Revolution.

Describe life in Russia under the tsars.

Explain the economic, political, and social changes made by the Communists after gaining power.

Global Economic Crisis

Analyze the global effects of the Great Depression.

Explain how countries around the world responded to the Great Depression.

Identify the economic changes that occurred in the United States and Europe after World War I.

Cultural and Intellectual Trends

Describe new scientific advancements of the early 1900s.

Explain how World War I influenced literature.

Identify social and cultural changes that occurred in the early 1900s.



Authoritarianism, Fascism, and Dictators

Describe how Spain shifted to a dictatorship.

Describe the effects of Japan's shift to military rule.

Explain how Mussolini established a totalitarian government.

Explain the characteristics of totalitarian government.

Rise of Hitler

Analyze the tactics used by Hitler to form the Nazi party.

Describe the growth of Nazi expansion and aggression in the 1930s.

Explain how Nazi rule impacted the lives of German people.

WWII Begins

Describe the events surrounding Hitler's invasion of Russia.

Explain Hitler's strategy for fighting France and Britain.

Identify how German aggression led to war in Europe.

Japan's Pacific Campaign

Describe the events of the war in the Pacific through 1942, including allied strategies for victory.

Explain the events that led to the entry of the United States into World War II.

The Holocaust

Describe Hitler's plan to commit genocide.

Describe the discrimination faced by Jews in Nazi Germany.

Identify the anti-Semitism that led to the Holocaust.

Victory for the Allies

Analyze how the Allies achieved victory in the Pacific.

Describe allied strategies for winning the war in Europe.

Communism and the Cold War

Stalin and the Soviet Union

Describe the characteristics and effects of Stalin's police state.

Explain the effects of Stalin's plan for modernization in industry and agriculture.

Identify changes to society under Stalin's rule.

Communism in China

Describe the causes and effects of China's civil war.

Explain how the People's Republic of China was created.

Explain the causes of the 1911 revolution in China.



Start of the Cold War in Europe

Analyze how the ideological differences between the United States and USSR led to a Cold War.

Examine how the United States created programs and plans to establish containment.

Identify the divisions that were created in Europe after World War II.

Cold War at Its Height

Explain why there was a race for arms and space between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Identify the effects of the Cold War on Korea.

Identify the effects of the Cold War on Vietnam.

The Cold War around the World

Describe strategies used by the United States and the Soviet Union and their allies to fight the Cold War.

Explain how the Cold War led to conflict in Latin America.

Explain how the Cold War led to conflict in the Middle East.

End of the Cold War

Describe the reforms enacted by Mikhail Gorbachev.

Explain why relations between the United States and the Soviet Union improved.

Explain why the Soviet Union collapsed.

Collapse of Communism

Describe how eastern Europe began to shift from communist forms of government.

Explain the effects of the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Explain the effects of the reunification of Germany.

European Union

Describe how European nations increased their cooperation following the end of the Cold War.

Explain how the collapse of the Soviet Union influenced Europe.

Modernization in China

Analyze effects of the Cultural Revolution.

Explain reasons for China's economic expansion.

Identify ways in which Mao Zedong attempted to modernize China.

Decolonization and Independence

Indian Independence

Compare and contrast views on the partition of India.

Explain Gandhi's strategy for winning independence.

Identify the challenges facing India following independence.



Challenges of Independence in Asia

Describe how the Philippines gained its independence from the United States.

Explain how European colonies in southeast Asia gained independence.

Explain success and challenges facing former colonies in Southeast Asia.

Decolonization in Africa

Evaluate the formation of new governments.

Identify the challenges of decolonization in Africa.

Identify the motives of African colonies' fight for independence.

South Africa and Apartheid

Analyze how democracy evolved in South Africa.

Identify how racial conflict was a result of colonial rule.

Identify the effects of apartheid.

Latin American Reform

Describe how Mexico instituted a democratic government.

Examine how Latin America experimented with different forms of government.

Explain the causes and effects of the Mexican Revolution.

Challenges in South America

Analyze factors that led to the end of military rule in Argentina.

Examine events in Chile's transition toward democracy.

Identify events in Brazil's transition to democracy.

Israel

Analyze the factors that led to increased turmoil between Jews and Arabs.

Examine various conflicts between Israel and Arab states.

Identify reasons for Palestinian independence.

Nationalism in the Middle East

Analyze how fundamentalism and the Arab Spring have affected the region.

Describe the events surrounding the Iranian Revolution.

Explain the effects of the growth of Arab nationalism.

Conflict in the Middle East

Describe the causes and effects surrounding the Gulf War.

Describe the US response to 9/11.

Explain the events surrounding the formation of Al-Qaeda and its attack on the United States.



Modern Issues in a Global Society

International Organizations

Analyze the purpose of different world organizations.

Examine the function of different world organizations.

Identify different world organizations.

Terrorism

Analyze factors that contribute to the growth of terrorist organizations.

Define terrorism and examine its history.

Identify the role of counterterrorist organizations.

Ethnic and Religious Conflict

Identify the relationships between ethnic nationalism, self-determination, and conflict.

Understand the concepts of ethnicity, religion, and nationalism.

Genocide

Explain the meaning of genocide.

Identify acts of genocide of the twentieth century.

Women's Rights and Roles

Contrast the role of women in traditional societies with those in developed nations.

Explain the purpose of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and describe to what extent societies have worked to achieve its goals.

Identify key women from history and current day who have impacted society.

Impact of Science and Technology

Analyze the impact of mass communication and medical technology on the global world.

Examine the increasing influence of renewable energy sources.

Identify how the space race has changed since the Cold War.

Demographics and Population

Analyze responses to an increased population.

Identify causes of global population growth.

Identify effects of global population growth.

Economic Globalization

Analyze the effects of the rise of international economic organizations.

Explain how globalization creates new opportunities for businesses and corporations.

Identify the impact of globalization on the challenges faced by developed and developing nations.