

# Middle School World History

## Course Overview and Syllabus

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**Course Number:** SS1105

**Grade level:** 6–8

**Prerequisite Courses:** None

**Credits:** 1.0

### Course Description

Providing students with an opportunity to learn the diverse history that has shaped our world, this course delves into the evolution of civilization from the rise of ancient empires through the 21st century. Middle school students enrolled in this exciting and informative course will investigate the development of medieval societies, the effects of the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the progress made during different periods of revolution, industrialization, urbanization, and reform. Over the course of two semesters, students will analyze effects of political conflicts and social issues on the continuing development and interdependence among nations in the modern world.

### Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify and characterize early human civilizations throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas.
- Explore the creation and evolution of government throughout history from ancient civilizations to present day
- Analyze the influences of colonialism, imperialism, and religion on various civilizations and societies throughout history
- Describe various revolutions and movements that have influenced societies including the Age of Exploration, the Scientific Revolution, the Age of Enlightenment, and the Renaissance
- Examine various conflicts throughout world history and how these conflicts have affected various societies.
- Investigate diverse technologies and the impact that these technologies have had on cultures throughout history

### Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

## Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on project, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop speaking and listening skills.

## Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	10%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	50%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Additional	0%

## Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

**Unit 1:** Era: The Beginnings of Human Society

**Unit 2:** Era: Early Civilizations

**Unit 3:** Era: New Empires

**Unit 4:** Era: Regional Civilizations

**Unit 5:** Era: The Age of Encounters

**Unit 6:** Era: An Age of Revolutions

**Unit 7:** Era: The Modern World