World History - Course Syllabus

Description:
This course examines the major events and turning points of world history from ancient times to the present. Students investigate the development of classical civilizations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and Asia, and they explore the economic, political, and social revolutions that have transformed human history. The use of recurring themes, such as social history, democratic government, and the relationship between history and the arts, allows students to draw connections between the past and the present, among cultures, and among multiple perspectives.


Course objectives:
- Investigate the development of civilization in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas and explore how societies change over time.
- Analyze technological, political, social, and economic revolutions in world history.
- Explore and analyze the conflicts and challenges between nations to present day.
- Describe cultural characteristics of societies over time, including the role of women, religion, and art and literature, and investigate the effects of technological innovation on economic and social change.

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