

World History Essentials I		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
<b>Early Humankind and the Development of Human Societies</b>		
Prehistory and Early Human Migration		
		Analyze historical migration patterns of early peoples.
		Describe the relationship between early hunter-gatherers and the natural environment.
		Explain characteristics of early hunter-gatherer societies.
Rivers, Settlements, and the First Civilizations		
		Explain the impact of the agricultural revolution on the development of early societies.
		Analyze the influence of the environment on the development of agricultural societies.
		Identify characteristics of the earliest permanent settlements.
Fertile Crescent		
		Identify the major physical features of the Fertile Crescent.
		Describe the physical geography and climate of the Fertile Crescent.
		Explain the role of physical geography in the rise of Mesopotamian civilizations.
Sumerian City-States		
		Describe the political, economic and social characteristics of the Sumerian city-states.
		Describe the achievements of the Sumerian civilization.
The First Empires		
		Identify key figures in the creation and spread of the early Mesopotamian empires.
		Explain factors that influenced the rise and fall of the early Mesopotamian empires.
		Describe the achievements of the early Mesopotamian empires.
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<b>Ancient Greece and the Roman Republic</b>		
	Government and Citizenship in Ancient Greece	
		Explain the political organization of the Greek city-states.
		Describe the evolution of government in ancient Greece.
		Explain features of democracy in ancient Greece.
		Describe the responsibilities of citizens under Athenian democracy.
	Athens and Sparta	
		Compare the societies and cultures of Athens and Sparta.
		Describe the effects of the Persian Wars on the Greek city-states.
	Rise of Rome	
		Explain how myths tell of Rome's founding.
		Locate and describe the physical geography of the Italian Peninsula.
		Analyze the role of physical geography in the development and growth of Rome.
	Roman Empire at Its Height	
		Describe the geographical expansion and growth of the Roman Empire.
		Describe the achievements of Caesar Augustus.
		Explain factors that encouraged the growth of trade and the economy in the Roman Empire.
	The Achievements of the Roman Empire	
		Explain the developments of Roman art and literature.
		Describe the importance of Roman innovations in engineering and architecture and how they led to the expansion of the Roman Empire.
		Analyze the influence of Roman culture and innovations on other societies.

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<b>World Cultures</b>		
	The Han Dynasty	
		Describe the accomplishments of key figures of the Han dynasty.
		Explain the political policies enacted during the Han dynasty.
		Describe the influence of Confucianism on the Han government.
		Describe Chinese culture and daily life during the Han dynasty.
	The Mongol Empire	
		Explain how Genghis Khan created the Mongol Empire.
		Describe the effects of Mongol expansion.
		Describe the causes and effects of the Mongol Empire's decline.
	The Mauryan Empire	
		Explain the origins of the Mauryan Empire.
		Describe the achievements of Asoka.
		Describe the political, economic, and religious characteristics of the Mauryan Empire.
	Muslim Empires	
		Explain the expansion of Muslim empires through conquest and treaties.
		Explain the rise of the Ottoman Empire as a political and cultural force.
		Analyze the effects of the expansion of Muslim empires.
	Empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai	
		Describe the rise and fall of the empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai.
		Explain the contributions of key figures of the empires of West Africa.

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		Analyze the growth of West African empires as centers of trade, culture, and learning.
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	<b>The Americas</b>	
	Geography of Mexico, Central America, and South America	
		Identify the major physical features of Mexico, Central America, and South America.
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on civilizations in Mexico, Central America, and South America.
		Use maps to investigate spatial relationships.
	<b>The Maya</b>	
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Mayan civilization.
		Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Mayan civilization.
		Describe the culture and achievements of the Mayan civilization.
	<b>The Aztecs</b>	
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Aztec.
		Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Aztec.
		Describe the culture and achievements of the Aztec.
	<b>The Inca</b>	
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Inca.
		Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Inca.
		Describe the culture and achievements of the Inca.
	<b>Civilizations of North America</b>	
		Identify major geographical features of North America.

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		Explain the influence of the physical environment on American Indian cultures.
		Describe the traits of American Indian cultures of the northeast, southeast, and Great Plains.
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	<b>Medieval Europe</b>	
	The Byzantine Empire and the Division of the Church	
		Describe the development of the Byzantine Empire.
		Explain the importance of the political, social, and architectural achievements made during Emperor Justinian's reign.
		Analyze how physical geography, language, and religious views led to the division of the church between the Eastern and Western Roman Empires.
	Feudalism	
		Explain Charlemagne's role in defining medieval Europe.
		Describe feudalism in medieval Europe.
		Compare feudal societies.
	The Crusades	
		Describe the characteristics and significance of the Crusades.
		Analyze the causes of the Crusades and their effects on the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish populations.
		Describe the effects of the Crusades on trade and commerce.
	Christianity and Medieval Europe	
		Describe the importance of the Catholic Church during the medieval period.
		Explain the decline of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula.
		Explain the rise of the Spanish and Portuguese kingdoms.
	The Bubonic Plague	

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		Identify the characteristics of the bubonic plague.
		Map the spread of the bubonic plague from Asia to Europe.
		Analyze the effects of the bubonic plague on global populations, society, and the economy.
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Cumulative Exam		
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