

Course Number: SS3306 IC

Grade level: 6

Prerequisite courses: 1.0

Credits: none

Course Description

The MS Modern World History course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of world history from the Middle Ages to the modern era. This yearlong course examines the role of conflict and cooperation in shaping the modern world. Students will draw upon and further develop historical inquiry skills as they examine the expansion of global economic, political, and social interactions and question the impact they had, and continue to have, on cultures and nations. Students will explore the lasting effects that revolutions in government and technology have had on peoples, nations, and the environment.

Students apply historical inquiry skills to studies of civilizations from the Middle Ages to the modern era. Students study economies and the growth of more complex trade systems, the cultures of and conflicts among peoples and places, the development of political institutions, and the rise and fall of governments. In later lessons, students examine how changes in the arts, technology, and political systems have had a lasting influence on modern civilization. Throughout the course, students analyze maps and primary sources to identify patterns and make connections across time and space. Students are exposed to diverse cultures and learn to explore the past with historical empathy. Students encounter rigorous reading and writing activities for a variety of purposes. These activities allow students to develop literacy and writing skills as well as critical-thinking and communication skills.

Course Objectives

Students will meet the following goals by taking this course:

- Analyze how the physical environment affected human systems and the development of modern societies.
- Examine how major religions and belief systems affected individuals, societies, and governments.
- Compare the effects of imperialism on peoples and societies in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- Compare global independence movements from the age of revolution through the modern era.
- Consider major turning points in world history and their impacts at national and international levels.
- Consider how innovations in trade and technology resulted in the diffusion of cultures across time and space.
- Evaluate the relationship between increased global interaction and innovation.
- Investigate the rise and development of modern nations, their political institutions, social structures, cultural characteristics, and economic systems.
- Apply historical inquiry skills to the study of civilizations from the 12th century to the 21st century.

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Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from the student as a traditional classroom course. Students are expected to spend approximately five to seven hours per week online on:

- interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks.
- assignments in which students apply and extend learning in each lesson.
- assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams.

Communication

Teachers will communicate with students regularly through discussions, emails, chats, and system announcements. Students will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, to collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in peer groups, and develop speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

Students will be graded on the work completed online and the work submitted electronically to the teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	10%
Essays	10%
Projects	10%
Lesson quizzes	20%
Unit tests	30%
Cumulative exams	20%

Course Overview and Syllabus (continued)

Scope and Sequence

When students log on to Edgenuity, they can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics under study. The units of study are listed below:

Semester A	Semester B
Cultures and Empires of Africa and Southwest Asia	Industrialization and Imperialism
Medieval Japan	World War I
Medieval Europe	World War II
Renaissance and Reformation	Political and Economic Change in the 20th Century
Age of Transformation	The Modern World