

**Prerequisite courses:** none

**Grade level:** 9-12

## Course Description

Students will learn about foundational World History concepts and skills as they examine the Renaissance, Enlightenment and the Scientific Revolution, Imperialism, International Conflict, and Globalization/Modern Issues. Skills focuses include analyzing secondary and primary sources, interpreting charts, graphs, and maps, and writing short responses and essays.

This course is part of the Exceptional Students Course Suite, designed for high school students working three or more grade levels behind. The Exceptional Students courses are ideal for students whose IEPs allow them to earn credit for below-grade-level coursework.

## Course Objectives

Students will meet the following goals in this course.

- Explain the significance of people and ideas that influenced the Renaissance.
- Analyze how advancements made during the Renaissance spread knowledge throughout Europe.
- Explain the effects of the Scientific Revolution on society, government, and religion.
- Explain the contributions of Enlightenment thinkers to political ideas in the colonies.
- Describe the motivations behind European colonization of Africa.
- Describe the contributions of women and civilians to the war effort.
- Analyze the effectiveness of cooperative international responses to global security threats.

## Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from students as a traditional classroom course.

Students are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- interactive lessons, which include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks.
- assignments, in which they 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, ask and answer questions in peer groups, and develop speaking and listening skills.

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## Grading Policy

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

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

## Scope and Sequence

When students log on to Imagine 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

Course Units
Unit 1: Renaissance
Unit 2: Enlightenment and Scientific Revolution
Unit 3: Imperialism
Unit 4: International Conflict
Unit 5: Globalization