

AP® World History

Your Course at a Glance

Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP World History curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note, pacing is based on 45-minute class periods, meeting five days each week for a full academic year.
- Progression of topics within each unit.
- Spiraling of the themes and historical thinking skills across units.

Teach

HISTORICAL THINKING SKILLS

- 1

Developments and Processes
- 2

Sourcing and Situation
- 3

Claims and Evidence in Sources
- 4

Contextualization
- 5

Making Connections
- 6

Argumentation

THEMES

Themes spiral across units.

- ENV

Humans and the Environment
- CDI

Cultural Developments and Interactions
- GOV

Governance
- ECN

Economic Systems
- SIO

Social Interactions and Organization
- TEC

Technology and Innovation

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT 1

The Global Tapestry
c. 1200 to c. 1450

~10–13

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

GOV

CDI

ECN

1.1

Developments in East Asia from c. 1200 to c. 1450

CDI

GOV

TEC

1.2

Developments in Dar al-Islam from c. 1200 to c. 1450

CDI

GOV

1.3

Developments in South and Southeast Asia from c. 1200 to c. 1450

GOV

1.4

State Building in the Americas

GOV

1.5

State Building in Africa

CDI

GOV

SIO

1.6

Developments in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450

6

1.7

Comparison in the Period from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Personal Progress Check 1

Multiple-choice: ~15 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Primary source (partial)

• Primary source (partial)

Free-response: 1 question

• Long essay (partial)

UNIT 2

Networks of Exchange
c. 1200 to c. 1450

~10–13

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

ECN

2.1

The Silk Roads

GOV

ECN

CDI

2.2

The Mongol Empire and the Making of the Modern World

ECN

CDI

ENV

2.3

Exchange in the Indian Ocean

TEC

GOV

2.4

Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

CDI

2.5

Cultural Consequences of Connectivity

ENV

2.6

Environmental Consequences of Connectivity

6

2.7

Comparison of Economic Exchange

Personal Progress Check 2

Multiple-choice: ~15 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Primary source

• Primary source

Free-response: 1 question

• Long essay (partial)

UNIT 3

Land-Based Empires
c. 1450 to c. 1750

~8–10

Class Periods

12–15%

AP Exam Weighting

GOV

3.1

Empires Expand

GOV

ECN

3.2

Empires: Administration

CDI

3.3

Empires: Belief Systems

6

3.4

Comparison in Land-Based Empires

Personal Progress Check 3

Multiple-choice: ~10 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Primary source

• Primary source

Free-response: 1 question

• Long essay (partial)

UNIT 4

Transoceanic Interconnections
c. 1450 to c. 1750

~22–25

Class Periods

12–15%

AP Exam Weighting

TEC

4.1

Technological Innovations from 1450 to 1750

GOV

ECN

4.2

Exploration: Causes and Events from 1450 to 1750

ENV

4.3

Columbian Exchange

GOV

ECN

SIO

4.4

Maritime Empires Established

ECN

GOV

SIO

CDI

4.5

Maritime Empires Maintained and Developed

GOV

4.6

Internal and External Challenges to State Power from 1450 to 1750

SIO

4.7

Changing Social Hierarchies from 1450 to 1750

6

4.8

Continuity and Change from 1450 to 1750

Personal Progress Check 4

Multiple-choice: ~15 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Primary source

• Secondary source

Free-response: 1 question

• Long essay (partial)

UNIT 5

Revolutions
c. 1750 to c. 1900

~20–23

Class Periods

12–15%

AP Exam Weighting

CDI

SIO

5.1

The Enlightenment

GOV

5.2

Nationalism and Revolutions in the Period from 1750 to 1900

ENV

5.3

Industrial Revolution Begins

TEC

5.4

Industrialization Spreads in the Period from 1750 to 1900

TEC

5.5

Technology of the Industrial Age

GOV

5.6

Industrialization: Government's Role from 1750 to 1900

ECN

5.7

Economic Developments and Innovations in the Industrial Age

SIO

5.8

Reactions to the Industrial Economy from 1750 to 1900

SIO

5.9

Society and the Industrial Age

6

5.10

Continuity and Change in the Industrial Age

Personal Progress Check 5

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Secondary source

• No source

Free-response: 2 questions

• Long essay (partial)

• Document-based (partial)

UNIT 6

Consequences of Industrialization
c. 1750 to c. 1900

~12–15

Class Periods

12–15%

AP Exam Weighting

CDI

6.1

Rationales for Imperialism from 1750 to 1900

GOV

6.2

State Expansion from 1750 to 1900

GOV

6.3

Indigenous Responses to State Expansion from 1750 to 1900

ENV

6.4

Global Economic Development from 1750 to 1900

ECN

6.5

Economic Imperialism from 1750 to 1900

ENV

ECN

6.6

Causes of Migration in an Interconnected World

SIO

6.7

Effects of Migration

6

6.8

Causation in the Imperial Age

Personal Progress Check 6

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• No source

• Primary source

Free-response: 1 question

• Document-based (partial)

UNIT 7

Global Conflict
c. 1900 to the present

~9–12

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

GOV

7.1

Shifting Power After 1900

GOV

7.2

Causes of World War I

TEC

7.3

Conducting World War I

ECN

7.4

The Economy in the Interwar Period

GOV

7.5

Unresolved Tensions After World War I

GOV

7.6

Causes of World War II

GOV

7.7

Conducting World War II

SIO

7.8

Mass Atrocities After 1900

6

7.9

Causation in Global Conflict

Personal Progress Check 7

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Secondary source

• No source

Free-response: 1 question

• Document-based

UNIT 8

Cold War and Decolonization
c. 1900 to the present

~14–17

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

GOV

8.1

Setting the Stage for the Cold War and Decolonization

CDI

8.2

The Cold War

GOV

8.3

Effects of the Cold War

ECN

SIO

8.4

Spread of Communism After 1900

GOV

8.5

Decolonization After 1900

GOV

ECN

8.6

Newly Independent States

CDI

8.7

Global Resistance to Established Order After 1900

GOV

8.8

End of the Cold War

6

8.9

Causation in the Age of the Cold War and Decolonization

Personal Progress Check 8

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• No source

• Primary source

Free-response: 1 question

• Document-based

UNIT 9

Globalization
c. 1900 to the present

~8–11

Class Periods

8–10%

AP Exam Weighting

TEC

9.1

Advances in Technology and Exchange After 1900

ENV

9.2

Technological Advances and Limitations After 1900: Disease

ENV

9.3

Technological Advances: Debates About the Environment After 1900

ECN

9.4

Economics in the Global Age

SIO

9.5

Calls for Reform and Responses After 1900

CDI

9.6

Globalized Culture After 1900

CDI

9.7

Resistance to Globalization After 1900

GOV

9.8

Institutions Developing in a Globalized World

6

9.9

Continuity and Change in a Globalized World

Personal Progress Check 9

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions

Short-answer: 2 questions

• Secondary source

• No source

Free-response: 1 question

• Long essay

NOTE: Partial versions of the free-response questions are provided to prepare students for more complex, full questions that they will encounter on the AP Exam.