



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

World History

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COURSE OVERVIEW

World History continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. With an emphasis on Western Europe, the course surveys ancient civilizations to the end of the 20th century, highlighting early Christianity (through the Reformation) and the two World Wars. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Geography, and Social Studies Skills.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand Western civilization from its beginnings to the present day.
- Understand the significant political and economic transformations and significant cultural and scientific events in Europe during the Renaissance.
- Understand significant religious and societal issues from the Renaissance through the Reformation.
- Understand the significant social and political developments in Europe and America brought on by the English, American, and French Revolutions.
- Understand the effects of the Industrial Revolution.
- Analyze major historical and political events of the 20th century, including the two World Wars, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War.

Additionally, students will gain practice in report-writing, covering topics like the rise of Christianity, the U.S. Constitution, communism versus free enterprise, the United Nations, and more.

UNIT 1: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS I				
Assignment Titles				
WORLD HISTORY	1.	Course Overview	12.	Babylonian and Assyrian Civilization
	2.	Elements of Civilization	13.	Assyrian History
	3.	Origin of Man	14.	Neo-Babylonian Empire
	4.	Fall of Man and Flood From God	15.	Quiz 3: Assyrian and Babylonian Civilizations
	5.	Origin of Civilization	16.	Persian Civilization
	6.	Origin of Nations	17.	Quiz 4: Ancient Civilizations
	7.	Quiz 1: Meaning and Origin of Civilization	18.	Special Project*
	8.	Early Egyptian Geography and History	19.	Test: Ancient Civilizations I
	9.	Early Egyptian Empire	20.	Alternate Test: Ancient Civilizations I*
	10.	Early Egyptian Civilization	21.	Glossary and Credits
	11.	Quiz 2: Early Egyptian Civilization		

UNIT 2: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS II				
Assignment Titles				
WORLD HISTORY	1.	The Eastern World: India	11.	Rome: The Empire
	2.	The Eastern World: China	12.	Rome: Decline of the Empire
	3.	Quiz 1: India and China	13.	Christianity and the Roman Empire
	4.	Greece: Geography and History	14.	Report: The Rise of Christianity
	5.	Greece: Dark Ages	15.	Quiz 3: The Roman Empire
	6.	Greece: 550-405 B.C.	16.	Special Project*
	7.	Greece: 359-31 B.C.	17.	Test: Ancient Civilizations II
	8.	Greece: Culture	18.	Alternate Test: Ancient Civilizations II*
	9.	Quiz 2: The Greek Civilization	19.	Glossary and Credits
	10.	Rome: Pre-Republic and Republic		

WORLD HISTORY		UNIT 3: THE MEDIEVAL WORLD		
		Assignment Titles		
WORLD HISTORY	1.	The Middle Ages: An Introduction	8.	High Middle Ages: Monarchies and the Church
	2.	Early Middle Ages	9.	High Middle Ages: The Byzantine Empire and Other World Powers
	3.	Quiz 1: The Early Middle Ages	10.	Quiz 3: The High Middle Ages
	4.	Transition: The Continent and New Invasions	11.	Special Project
	5.	Transition: England, the Church, and the Growth of Islam	12.	Test: The Medieval World
	6.	Quiz 2: The Middle Ages in Transition	13.	Alternate Test: The Medieval World
	7.	High Middle Ages: Setting	14.	Glossary and Credits

WORLD HISTORY		UNIT 4: RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION		
		Assignment Titles		
WORLD HISTORY	1.	Renaissance Government: France and England	9.	England: Henry VIII and Edward VI
	2.	Renaissance Government: Italy and Spain	10.	England: Mary I and Elizabeth I
	3.	Developments in Art	11.	Reform Within the Catholic Church
	4.	Changes in Literature and Thought	12.	Wars of Religion
	5.	Advances in Science	13.	Quiz 2: The Reformation
	6.	Quiz 1: The Renaissance	14.	Special Project*
	7.	The Reformation: Wycliffe, Huss, and Luther	15.	Test: Renaissance and Reformation
	8.	The Reformation: Zwingli, Grebel, Calvin, and Knox	16.	Alternate Test: Renaissance and Reformation*
			17.	Glossary and Credits

WORLD HISTORY		UNIT 5: GROWTH OF WORLD EMPIRES		
		Assignment Titles		
WORLD HISTORY	1.	Absolutism in England: 16-17th Centuries	11.	Austria, Germany, and Italy
	2.	Absolutism in England: 17th Century	12.	Report: Prussia*
	3.	Absolutism in France	13.	The Ottoman Empire
	4.	Report: Versailles	14.	Quiz 3: Austria, Germany, Italy, and the Ottoman Empire
	5.	English Mercantilism	15.	Special Project*
	6.	French Mercantilism and Colonial Rivalry	16.	Test: Growth of World Empires
	7.	Quiz 1: England and France	17.	Alternate Test: Growth of World Empires*
	8.	Portugal	18.	Glossary and Credits
	9.	Spain		
	10.	Quiz 2: Portugal and Spain		

WORLD HISTORY		UNIT 6: THE AGE OF REVOLUTION		
		Assignment Titles		
WORLD HISTORY	1.	English Revolution: Divine Right (Cavaliers)	11.	French Revolution: Old Regime
	2.	English Revolution: Divine Right (Roundheads)	12.	French Revolution: New Leadership
	3.	English Revolution: People's Choice	13.	Report: Napoleon*
	4.	Quiz 1: English Revolution	14.	Report: Napoleon and Modern Society
	5.	American Revolution: British Background	15.	Quiz 3: French Revolution
	6.	Report: Boston Tea Party*	16.	Special Project*
	7.	American Revolution: American Frontier	17.	Test: The Age of Revolution
	8.	Report: 1770s Colonist*	18.	Alternate Test: The Age of Revolution*
	9.	Report: Constitution	19.	Glossary and Credits
	10.	Quiz 2: American Revolution		

WORLD HISTORY		UNIT 7: THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION		
		Assignment Titles		
WORLD HISTORY	1.	England: Sparks of Preparation	9.	Social Changes: Positive Contributions
	2.	England: Fires of Continuation	10.	Report: Socialism or Free Enterprise
	3.	Quiz 1: Industrial Revolution in England	11.	Quiz 3: Social Changes of the Industrial Revolution
	4.	United States: Industrial Climate	12.	Special Project*
	5.	United States: Industrial Progress	13.	Test: The Industrial Revolution
	6.	Report: Industrial Revolution Biography	14.	Alternate Test: The Industrial Revolution*
	7.	Quiz 2: Industrial Revolution in the United States	15.	Glossary and Credits
	8.	Social Changes: Negative Drawbacks		

UNIT 8: TWO WORLD WARS		
WORLD HISTORY	Assignment Titles	
	1.	World War I: Mounting Tensions
	2.	World War I: Erupting Conflicts
	3.	World War I: Counter-Aggression
	4.	Quiz 1: World War I
	5.	The Russian Revolution: 1905
	6.	The Russian Revolution: 1917
	7.	Peace Initiative
	8.	Post-War Attitudes
	9.	Report: Comfort in the Depression*
	10.	Power Quests
	11.	Military Aggression
	12.	Quiz 2: Between the Wars
	13.	World War II: Battle Fronts
	14.	Report: Allied Battle Strategy
	15.	World War II: Battles in the Pacific
	16.	Peace Efforts
	17.	Unification
	18.	Report: Twentieth Century
	19.	Quiz 3: World War II
	20.	Special Project*
	21.	Test: A Revolution and Two World Wars
	22.	Alternate Test: A Revolution and Two World Wars*
	23.	Glossary and Credits

UNIT 9: THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD		
WORLD HISTORY	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Origins of the Cold War
	2.	United Nations and the Marshall Plan
	3.	Report: The United Nations
	4.	The Course of the Cold War
	5.	The Vietnam War and Invasions
	6.	The End of the Cold War
	7.	Report: The Cold War
	8.	Quiz 1: The Cold War
	9.	North America
	10.	Central America and the Caribbean Islands
	11.	Report: Central American Governments*
		12.
	13.	Quiz 2: The Western Hemisphere Today
	14.	Europe
	15.	Africa
	16.	Asia
	17.	The Far East and Australia
	18.	Quiz 3: The Eastern Hemisphere Today
	19.	Special Project*
	20.	Test: The Contemporary World
	21.	Alternate Test: The Contemporary World*
	22.	Glossary and Credits

UNIT 10: ANCIENT TIMES TO THE PRESENT			
WORLD HISTORY	Assignment Titles		
	1.	Ancient Civilizations	
	2.	Greeks, Romans, and Other Ancient Cultures	
	3.	Medieval Times: Invasions and Feudalism	
	4.	Medieval Culture and the Church	
	5.	Quiz 1: Ancient Civilizations and Medieval Times	
	6.	Politics of the Renaissance	
	7.	Art and Sciences of the Renaissance	
	8.	The Reformation	
	9.	Absolutism	
	10.	Exploration	
		11.	Quiz 2: The Renaissance and Reformation
		12.	The Modern World: Revolutions
	13.	The Industrial Revolution	
	14.	Two World Wars and Attempts at Peace	
	15.	Current Events	
	16.	Quiz 3: The Modern World	
	17.	Special Project*	
	18.	Test: Ancient Times to the Present	
	19.	Alternate Test: Ancient Times to the Present*	
	20.	Glossary and Credits	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment