

Modern World History

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SS3316WA IC

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

This year-long course examines the major events and turning points of world history from global expansion to the present. Students investigate the foundational ideas that shaped the modern world in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas, and then explore the economic, political, and social revolutions that have transformed human history. This rigorous study of modern history examines recurring themes, such as social history, democratic government, and the relationship between history and the arts, allowing students to draw connections between the past and the present, across cultures, and among multiple perspectives.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Investigate civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas and explore how they have changed over time.
- Analyze technological, political, social, and economic revolutions in world history.
- Explore the conflicts between nations to present day, and analyze the challenges facing the modern world.
- Describe cultural characteristics of societies over time, including the role of women, religion, and art and literature, and investigate the effects of technological innovation on economic and social change.
- Use research skills to access, interpret, and apply information from multiple sources.

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you 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 you apply and extend learning
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, e-mail, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Quiz	20%
Test	30%
Exam	20%
Essay	10%
Assignment	10%
Additional	0%
Project	10%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Global Expansion and Encounter (1450-1750): A New Global Age
- Unit 2:** Global Expansion and Encounter (1450-1750): The Renaissance and the Reformation
- Unit 3:** Global Expansion and Encounter (1450-1750): Absolutism to Enlightenment
- Unit 4:** Age of Revolutions (1750-1914): Global Revolutions
- Unit 5:** Age of Revolutions (1750-1914): The Industrial Revolution
- Unit 6:** International Conflicts (1870-Present): Imperialism
- Unit 7:** International Conflicts (1870-Present): World War I and the Interwar Years
- Unit 8:** International Conflicts (1870-Present): World War II
- Unit 9:** International Conflicts (1870-Present): Communism and the Cold War
- Unit 10:** Emergence and Development of New Nations (1900-Present): Asia
- Unit 11:** Emergence and Development of New Nations (1900-Present): Africa and the Americas
- Unit 12:** Challenges to Democracy and Human Rights (1945-Present)