

# WORLD CIVILIZATIONS OR AP WORLD HISTORY

## AP World History

In AP World History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from 1200 BCE to the present. Students will develop and use skills, practices and methods employed by historians. These skills amount to analyzing primary and secondary sources, developing historical arguments, making historical connections, and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change over time.

For a student to be successful in AP World History, they should:

- Have a passion for history
- Be a motivated reader
- Has strong writing skills
- Should have a strong work ethic

## World Civilizations

In World Civilizations, students will compare and analyze patterns of culture, emphasizing both the diversity and the commonality of human experience and behavior. This course emphasizes the interaction of local cultures with the natural environment, as well as the connections among civilizations from earliest times to the present

## What are the major differences?

- AP World History will focus on 1200 CE to Modern-Day whereas World Civilization focuses on history from the Neolithic to Modern-Day
- While World Civilizations and AP cover many similar topics, the AP course covers these topics in greater depth
- AP World History has a summer assignment
- AP World History will receive AP credit and have the opportunity to take the AP exam in May

## Important Note

If a student opts to not take AP World History or are not placed into AP World History, they will still be eligible to take AP United States History (APUSH) as a sophomore. The Social Studies Department takes all eligible students into consideration for APUSH.