

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 thinking critically about comparison, causation, 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
- Have strong writing skills
- 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 focuses on 1200 BCE 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 students will receive AP credit and have the opportunity to take the AP exam in May.
- AP World History is a very student-driven class that requires much independent learning. Students can expect two to three hours of homework each week.

Important Note

If a student opts not to take or is not placed in 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.