MS World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times delivers instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' knowledge of world history, from the Middle Ages through to the Renaissance and the Enlightenment. By constantly honing their ability to analyze history, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

The two-semester course is arranged in themed units, each with three to five lessons. In each unit, activities make complex ideas about world history accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. Each lesson includes a variety of activities such as direct instruction, application of skills, performance tasks, and formative and summative assessments. Students engage with the subject matter in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned content and demonstrate their learning through computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools.

Length: Two Semesters

**UNIT 1: THE CLASSICAL AGE**

**LESSON 1: MAJOR CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS**

**Study: Classical Civilizations of Greece and Persia**

Compare the major political, social and cultural structures of the Greek and Persian civilizations.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Classical Civilizations of China**

Analyze the causes and effects of the development of classical civilizations in China, including the Zhou, Qin and Han dynasties.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Major Classical Civilizations**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY**

**Study: The Development of Judaism and Christianity**

Analyze the origins, central ideas, and diffusion of Judaism and Christianity, including the development of monotheism.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Development of Judaism and Christianity**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: THE CLASSICAL AGE**

**Review: The Classical Age**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Classical Age**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 2: ROME AND CHRISTENDOM**
LESSON 1: ROME AND THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

Study: The Rise and Fall of Rome
Analyze the major causes and effects of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: The Byzantine Empire and Orthodox Christianity
Identify and describe the historical contributions of the Byzantine Empire, including its role in the spread of Christianity.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Rise and Fall of Rome
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Study: Western Europe and the Roman Catholic Church
Analyze the major causes and effects of the decline of Rome and the formation of medieval Europe.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Western Europe and the Roman Catholic Church
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: The Fall of Rome and the East-West Schism
Design a presentation summarizing the major effects of the fall of Rome on both eastern and western Europe.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: ROME AND CHRISTENDOM

Review: Rome and Christendom
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Rome and Christendom
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 3: SOUTHWESTERN ASIA

LESSON 1: SOUTHWESTERN ASIA AND ISLAM

Study: The Rise and Influence of Islam
Analyze the major causes and effects of the development of the Islamic Empire, specifically the impact of Islamic caliphates on Asia, Africa, and Europe.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Rise and Influence of Islam
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: ISLAMIC EMPIRES

Study: Islamic Land Empires
Analyze the major causes and effects of the rise of the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal empires.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Islamic Land Empires
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Documenting the Influence of Islam
Construct a timeline and map illustrating how the Ottoman Empire helped spread Islam in Afro-Eurasia.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 30 points
LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: SOUTHWESTERN ASIA

Review: Southwestern Asia
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Southwestern Asia
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 4: SOUTH ASIA

LESSON 1: RELIGIONS IN ASIA

Study: The Emergence and Diffusion of Eastern Religions
Analyze the origins and central ideas of the Eastern religions and philosophical traditions of Hinduism, and Buddhism.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Emergence and Diffusion of Eastern Religions
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: World Religions Today
Identify and describe the historical legacies and present-day influences of major world religions.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: INDIA

Study: Classical Civilizations of India
Investigate the development of classical civilizations in India, including the Mauryan and Gupta empires.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Classical Civilizations of India
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: SOUTH ASIA

Review: South Asia
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): South Asia
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 5: EAST ASIA

LESSON 1: CHINA

Study: China and Its Neighbors
Identify China's role in the Eurasian economy and culture in the postclassical era.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: China and Its Neighbors
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: JAPAN

Study: Feudal Japan
Study the unique culture that developed in Japan during the postclassical era.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Feudal Japan
LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: EAST ASIA

Review: East Asia
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): East Asia
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 6: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Review: Semester Review
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 60 points

UNIT 7: THE AMERICAS

LESSON 1: THE AMERICAS

Study: Classical Era Civilizations of the Americas
Analyze the economic, cultural, and political characteristics of the major civilizations of Mesoamerica and South America during the classical era.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Classical Era Civilizations of the Americas
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: EMPIRES IN AMERICA

Study: The Aztec Empire
Identify and describe the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments of the Aztec Empire.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: The Inca Empire
Identify and describe the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments of the Inca Empire.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Empires in America
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Comparing the Aztec and Inca Empires
Compare and contrast significant political, social, economic, and cultural developments of the Aztec and Inca empires.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: THE AMERICAS

Review: The Americas
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Americas
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
UNIT 8: AFRICA

LESSON 1: CLASSICAL AFRICA

Study: Classical Era Civilizations of Africa
Analyze the geographic locations and major contributions of civilizations in Africa from the classical era.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Classical Era Civilizations of Africa
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: AFRICAN KINGDOMS

Study: Rise and Fall of African Kingdoms
Trace the rise and fall of major sub-Saharan African kingdoms and empires.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Rise and Fall of African Kingdoms
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: AFRICA

Review: Africa
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Africa
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 9: SITES OF ENCOUNTER IN THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

LESSON 1: WORLD EXCHANGE

Study: Trade, Travel, and Cultural Exchange
Investigate how trade along the Silk Road, across the Indian Ocean and throughout the Sahara desert facilitated the spread of ideas and trade throughout Afro-Eurasia.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Trade, Travel, and Cultural Exchange
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Mapping Major Trade Routes
Compare the geographical locations and cultural impacts of Silk Road and major trade routes across the Indian Ocean and Sahara desert.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: THE MONGOL EMPIRE AND EAST ASIA

Study: The Rise and Influence of the Mongol Empire
Analyze the major causes and effects of the Mongol invasions and their impact on Europe, China, and the Islamic world.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: State Consolidation and Imperialism in East Asia
Analyze the major impacts and influences the Ming and Qing dynasties, including China's relationship with Japan and the Ming dynasty’s impact on global trade.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Rise and Influence of the Mongol Empire
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: SITES OF ENCOUNTER IN THE MEDIEVAL WORLD**

**Review: Sites of Encounter in Medieval World**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Sites of Encounter in Medieval World**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 10: GLOBAL CONVERGENCE**

**LESSON 1: WORLD EXPLORATION AND COMMERCE**

**Study: The Age of Exploration**
Identify, describe, and analyze the major causes of transoceanic exploration and European expansion.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Age of Exploration**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Global Commerce**
Analyze the significant political and economic outcomes of European expansion, the Columbian Exchange, and the emergence of a global economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Global Commerce**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: COLONIALISM**

**Study: Impact of European Colonialism in the Americas**
Identify and describe the effects of European colonialism and the Atlantic slave trade in the Americas.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Impact of European Colonialism in the Americas**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: The African Colonial Experience**
Identify and describe the origins, development, and impact of European colonialism and the Atlantic slave trade on the peoples of Africa.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The African Colonial Experience**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: GLOBAL CONVERGENCE**

**Review: Global Convergence**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Global Convergence**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points
UNIT 11: THE IMPACT OF IDEAS

LESSON 1: THE RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION

Study: The European Renaissance
Identify and describe the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Renaissance.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The European Renaissance
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Reformation and State Consolidation
Identify and describe the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Reformation.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Reformation and State Consolidation
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Study: The Scientific Revolution
Investigate the major causes and worldwide impacts of the scientific revolution, as well as the contributions of specific scientists and inventors.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Scientific Revolution
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Age of Enlightenment
Investigate the major causes and worldwide impacts of the Enlightenment, as well as the contributions of specific thinkers.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Age of Enlightenment
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Science and the Enlightenment
Analyze the relationship between the scientific revolution and the Enlightenment.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: THE IMPACT OF IDEAS

Review: The Impact of Ideas
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Impact of Ideas
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 12: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Review: Semester Review
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr
Scoring: 60 points