

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

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## 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

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### 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