Syllabus for World History General Prep

Welcome to SS051/SS052: World History General Prep!

Please read the information in this syllabus before proceeding to the course materials.

**Credits:** 1 credit hour

**Prerequisite:** none

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**Instructional Team**

**Teacher Contact Information**

Our Academic Advisors are also available to help you when you need it. They are trained to provide tutoring in all subjects or answer your questions about the course or program.

Phone: 1-800-224-7234

Hours: 8:30AM – 8:30PM EST Monday-Friday

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**Textbook**


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**Course Description**

World History (General Prep) is an in-depth study of our global community's past, emphasizing the people and events that changed past societies, and how these changes affect our modern society. The course is separated into lessons comprising the following topic areas: Early civilizations such as Ancient Greece and Rome, the rise of Christianity and civilizations of the Americas, societies of the Middle Ages such as the Byzantine Empire, Russia and Eastern Europe, the Renaissance and Reformation, the start of the Global Age in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, the Age of Absolutism, the regional civilizations of Islam, Africa, and the spread of civilization in East and Southeast Asia. Other topic areas include the French Revolution and Napoleon, the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and the Revolutions of Europe and Latin America, Nationalism in Europe, the growth of Western Democracies, and New Imperialism. The course closes with World War I and the Russian Revolution, the rise of totalitarianism, World War II and its aftermath, the world since 1945 including the Cold War, the emergence of new nations, regional conflicts, the developing world and the world today. Understanding of the material will be conveyed through multiple choice exams.

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**Course Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:
• Explain how scholars study the past and how agricultural advances encouraged the rise of early civilizations.
• Describe the rise of European civilizations.
• Discuss the impacts of the Renaissance, Reformation and European exploration.
• Describe the rise of African and Asian civilizations.
• Analyze the causes and effects of various revolutions.
• Describe the results of the Industrial Age.
• Explain the causes and consequences of the World Wars.
• Discuss how post-World War events have shaped the world of today.

Course Lessons

The following lessons are covered in SS051/SS052: World History General Prep:

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<td>The Renaissance, The Reformation, Europe’s trading empire, Europe’s age of exploration, Age of Absolutism</td>
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