



**High School World History Learning Pathway  
Scope and Sequence - First Semester**

The first semester of the High School World History Learning Pathway looks at world history from early civilizations to the beginnings of Modernism. This Pathway is designed to engage students with diverse learning needs through interactive lessons, texts with artifacts and real-life visuals, and hands-on activities. Students will investigate significant historical periods, key events and influential figures that have shaped the world we live in today.

Unit: Early Civilizations		
Instructional Weeks	Topics	Concepts
Week 1	Why and How We Study History	What Is History? Role of Historians Primary Sources History Tools
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Instructional Weeks	Topics	Concepts
Weeks 2-6	Stone Age Civilizations	Early Humans Paleolithic Era
	Ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt	Inventions Early Laws and Writing Systems
	Ancient India and China	Cultures and Empires Dynasties
	Ancient Greece	Golden Age of Greece Iron Era
	Ancient Rome	Civilization Roman Empire
Unit: Medieval Era and Renaissance		
Instructional Weeks	Topics	Concepts
Weeks 7-11	Byzantium	Ottoman Empire
	Middle East and Islamic Expansion	Islamic Golden Age and Spain
	Medieval Europe	Culture Crusades Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire
	Mesoamerica	Inca Maya Aztec
	The Renaissance and Globalization (Part 1)	Mercantilism and Exploration Trade and Colonization



Unit: Early Modernism		
Instructional Weeks	Topics	Concepts
Weeks 12-16	The Renaissance and Globalization (Part 2)	Literary, Philosophical and Artistic Contributions Technological Progress
	North America	North American Indigenous Peoples Settler Revolution
	Sub-Saharan Africa	Changes in the Countries Gold-Salt Trade
	Asia and India	Empires and Dynasties Relations With the West
	The Scientific Revolution	Innovations Reformation The Middle Passage