

Curriculum at a Glance

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During 9th grade history, students engage in the study of events, documents, movements and people emphasizing the importance of Western Civilization (the roots of much of their own culture) with a focus on inquiry into the importance of Western thought and how it contributed to the modern world as well as its relevance to students' lives. Through this content, students develop skills such as notetaking, research, document analysis, evaluation of sources, long form essay writing, crafting theses, addressing opposing arguments, identifying author's point of view, purpose, context, or audience. In addition, students analyze connections among events and developments in historical contexts.

Unit Name	Essential Content
The Classical West: Ancient Greece and Rome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ancient Greece<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Birth of Western Thought (Philosophy, Drama, etc)○ Alexander the Great and Hellenism.● Ancient Rome<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Roman Republic and its structure○ The Fall of the Republic (and why it still matters)○ The Pax Romana and Empire○ Judaism and Christianity○ The Fall of the Western Roman Empire
The Middle Ages: Decline, Development, and Rebirth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Middle Ages<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Transformation from Rome to Feudalism○ The Power and Structure of the Catholic Church○ Late Middle Ages and Crisis: Towns, Plagues, and Crusades○ The Birth of Nation-States● The Renaissance and Revival of Classical Ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Renaissance Art○ Humanism and Philosophy

<p>The Emergence of Modern Western Thought: Reformation, Intellectual Development, and Revolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Reformation and Scientific Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Reformation Thinkers ○ Religious Conflict and the Rise of Secular Power ○ The Scientific Revolution ● Monarchs and Absolutism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Rise of Absolute Monarchies ○ The Birth of Constitutional Governments ● Enlightenment and Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Enlightenment and its Thinkers ○ The French Revolution and Napoleon
<p>Crises and Continuation into the Modern Era: Industrialization, Expansion, and War</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Emergence of the Modern World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Industrial Revolution ○ The Birth of Post-Industrial Ideas ● Towards Global Conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Imperialism and its effect on the globe ○ The Causes and Effects of World War I ○ The Russian Revolution ● The Rise of Fascism and Road to World War II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fascism and Totalitarianism ○ The Road to World War II ○ The Effects of World War II