

# AP COURSE COMPONENTS

## PERIODIZATION

**PERIOD 1** Post-Classical  
1200 CE - 1450 CE 16%-20%

### UNIT 1

The Global Tapestry

### UNIT 2

Networks of Exchange

**PERIOD 2** Early Modern  
1450 CE - 1750 CE 24%-30%

### UNIT 3

Land-Based Empires

### UNIT 4

Transoceanic Interconnections

**PERIOD 3** Modern  
1750 CE - 1900 CE 24%-30%

### UNIT 5

Revolutions

### UNIT 6

Consequences of Industrialization

**PERIOD 4** Contemporary  
1900 CE - Present 24%-30%

### UNIT 7

Global Conflict

### UNIT 8

Cold War and Decolonization

### UNIT 9

Globalization

## AP HISTORICAL THINKING SKILLS

1. Development and Processes
2. Sourcing and Situation
3. Claims and Evidence in Sources
4. Contextualization
5. Making Connections
6. Argumentation

## AP REASONING PROCESSES

1. Comparison
2. Causation
3. Continuity and Change

## AP COURSE THEMES

### THEME 1 INTERACTION (Humans and the Environment)

Demography & Disease • Migration • Patterns of Settlement •  
Flora, Fauna, & Climate • Natural Resources • Pollution •  
Impact of Natural Barriers • Deforestation • Desertification

### THEME 2 CULTURE (Cultural Developments and Interactions)

Religions • Belief Systems, Philosophies, & Ideologies •  
Art & Architecture • Language & Writing • Education

### THEME 3 POLITICAL (Governance)

Political Structures & Forms of Governance • Empires •  
Nations & Nationalism • Revolts & Revolutions • Legal Systems •  
Regional, Transregional, and Global Structures & Organizations

### THEME 4 ECONOMIC (Economic Systems)

Agricultural and Pastoral Production • Trade & Commerce •  
Labor Systems • Industrialization • Distribution and Consumption •  
Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism • Wealth Distribution •  
Banking and Currency

### THEME 5 SOCIAL (Social Interactions and Organization)

Gender Roles & Relations • Family & Kinship • Social Stratification •  
Racial & Ethnic Constructions • Social & Economic Classes

### THEME 6 TECHNOLOGY (Technology and Innovation)

Agricultural Technology • Science and Technology •  
Inventions and Innovations • Industrialization

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# **AP WORLD HISTORY TOPICS OF STUDY**

## **UNIT 1: THE Global TAPESTRY**

- 1.1 Development of East Asia
- 1.2 Development of Dar al-Islam
- 1.3 Developments in South & Southeast Asia
- 1.4 State Building in the Americas
- 1.5 State Building in Africa
- 1.6 Developments in Europe
- 1.7 Comparisons from 1200CE to 1450CE

## **UNIT 2: NETWORKS of EXCHANGE**

- 2.1 The Silk Roads
- 2.2 The Mongol Empire
- 2.3 Exchange in the Indian Ocean
- 2.4 Trans-Saharan Trade Routes
- 2.5 Cultural Consequences of Connectivity
- 2.6 Environmental Consequences of Connectivity
- 2.7 Comparison of Economic Exchange

## **UNIT 3: LAND-BASED EmpIRES**

- 3.1 Empires Expand
- 3.2 Empires: Administration
- 3.3 Empires: Belief Systems
- 3.4 Comparison in Land-Based Empires

## **UNIT 4: TRANSOCEANIC INTERCONNECTIONS**

- 4.1 Technological Innovations
- 4.2 Exploration: Causes and Events
- 4.3 Columbian Exchange
- 4.4 Maritime Empires Established
- 4.5 Maritime Empires Maintained and Developed
- 4.6 Internal & External Challenges to State Power
- 4.7 Changing Social Hierarchies
- 4.8 Continuity & Change from 1450 to 1750

## **UNIT 5: REVOLUTIONS**

- 5.1 The Enlightenment
- 5.2 Nationalism and Revolutions
- 5.3 Industrial Revolution Begins
- 5.4 Industrialization Spreads
- 5.5 Technology of the Industrial Age
- 5.6 Industrialization: Government's Role
- 5.7 Economic Developments and Innovations
- 5.8 Reactions to the Industrial Economy
- 5.9 Society and the Industrial Age
- 5.10 Continuity and Change in the Industrial Age

## **UNIT 6: CONSEQUENCES of INDUSTRIALIZATION**

- 6.1 Rationales for Imperialism
- 6.2 State Expansion
- 6.3 Indigenous Responses to State Expansion
- 6.4 Global Economic Development
- 6.5 Economic Imperialism
- 6.6 Causes of Migration in an Interconnected World
- 6.7 Effects of Migration
- 6.8 Causation in the Imperial Age

## **UNIT 7: GLOBAL CONFLICT**

- 7.1 Shifting Power after 1900CE
- 7.2 Causes of World War I
- 7.3 Conducting World War I
- 7.4 The Economy in the Interwar Period
- 7.5 Unresolved Tensions After World War I
- 7.6 Causes of World War II
- 7.7 Conducting World War II
- 7.8 Mass Atrocities After 1900CE
- 7.9 Causation in Global Conflict

## **UNIT 8: Cold WAR AND DEColonization**

- 8.1 Setting the Stage for the Cold War/Decolonization
- 8.2 The Cold War
- 8.3 Effects of the Cold War
- 8.4 Spread of Communism
- 8.5 Decolonization
- 8.6 Newly Independent States
- 8.7 Global Resistance to the Established Order
- 8.8 End of the Cold War
- 8.9 Causation from 1900CE to the Present

## **UNIT 9: Globalization**

- 9.1 Advances in Technology and Exchange
- 9.2 Technological Advances/Limitations: Disease
- 9.3 Technology: Debates About the Environment
- 9.4 Economics in the Global Age
- 9.5 Calls for Reform and Responses
- 9.6 Globalized Culture
- 9.7 Resistance to Globalization
- 9.8 Institutions Developing in a Globalized World
- 9.9 Continuity and Change in a Globalized World