

# SOCIAL STUDIES

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## FHS SOCIAL STUDIES: DEPARTMENT BELIEFS

- Historical/Cultural Literacy
- Foster world awareness, citizenship, and tolerance of other cultures
- Improve essential skills : writing, reading comprehension, critical thinking, historical analysis, argumentation, presentation, research, and discussion

# FRESHMAN YEAR COURSE OPTIONS



GEOGRAPHY AND  
HISTORY OF THE  
WORLD



WORLD HISTORY



AP WORLD HISTORY

# GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD (9-10)



## Tour of the World:

Regional studies by continent  
Blend of culture, history, geography, and  
current events



## Explore global themes:

Examples: change over time, the spread of  
ideas, cultural landscapes, and interaction of  
cultures



## Skill Focus:

Visual Literacy  
Reading Comprehension  
Collaboration

# GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD



Homework: minimal, about once a week



Units of Study: Typically take 2-3 weeks to study one region



Assessments: end of unit test or project

# WORLD HISTORY (9-12)



## Comprehensive survey course

Major events from ancient – modern times  
Examines significant historical events and their  
impact on the world



## Skill Focus:

Claim/Argument development  
Primary source analysis  
Presentation  
Inquiry  
Collaboration

# WORLD HISTORY

- Homework: 2-3 times a week
- Units of Study: Typically take 2 weeks to study one unit
- Assessments: variety of assessment tools
- Student has good reading comprehension skills, writes well, can develop an argument based on evidence, and can contribute to class discussion
- Student works well both in groups and independently

# COURSE COMPARISON

## GEOGRAPHY:

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- Regional studies by continent
- Blend of culture, history, geography, and current events
- Homework once a week

### **Skill Focus:**

- Visual Literacy
- Reading Comprehension
- Collaboration

## WORLD HISTORY:

### **Comprehensive survey course:**

- Major events from ancient – modern times
- Examines significant historical events and their impact on the world
- Homework 2-3 times a week

### **Skill Focus:**

- Claim/Argument development
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- Collaboration



# AP WORLD HISTORY (9-12)



**AP College Board  
Curriculum**

1200 to present day



**Content includes a study of  
the development and  
interaction of world  
cultures throughout history**



**Focus on skills important  
to success on the AP Exam  
in May**

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AP WORLD HISTORY

- Student exhibits strong reading and writing skills
- Student communicates effectively in class discussion
- Student analyzes material rather than summarizes
- Student has appropriate time management skills
  
- It's suggested:
  - Student would have a minimum of 93% in current social studies class
  - Student currently or previously enrolled in honors classes

QUESTIONS?