

HISTORY

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	Map Work (Units 1 – 16)	5
	Project Work	20
Total		100

Course Syllabus

1. Introduction to World History

Section A: Early Societies

Unit 2: Introduction

Unit 3: From the Beginning of Time

- Focus: Africa, Europe till 15000 BC
 - Views on the origin of human beings
 - Early societies
 - Historians' views on present-day hunting-gathering societies

Unit 4: Early Cities

- Focus: Iraq, 3rd millennium BC
 - Growth of towns
 - Nature of early urban societies
 - Historians' Debate on uses of writing

Section B: Empires

Unit 5: Introduction

Unit 6: An Empire across Three Continents

- Focus: Roman Empire, 27 B.C to A.D 600.
 - Political evolution
 - Economic expansion
 - Religion
 - Late Antiquity
 - Historians' views on the institution of Slavery

Unit 7: Central Islamic Lands

- Focus: 7th to 12th centuries
 - Polity
 - Economy
 - Culture
 - Historians' viewpoints on the nature of the crusades

Unit 8: Nomadic Empires

- Focus: The Mongol, 13th to 14th century
 - The nature of nomadism
 - Formation of empires
 - Conquests and relations with other states
 - Historians' views on nomadic societies and state formation

Section C: Changing Traditions

Unit 9: Introduction

Unit 10: Three Orders

- Focus: Western Europe, 13th-16th century
 - Feudal society and economy
 - Formation of states
 - Church and Society
 - Historians' views on decline of feudalism

Unit 11: Changing Cultural Traditions

- Focus on Europe, 14th to 17th century

- New ideas, and new trends in literature and arts
- Relationship with earlier ideas
- The contribution of West Asia
- Historians' viewpoints on the validity of the notion 'European Renaissance'

12. Unit 12: Confrontation of Cultures

- Focus on America, 15th to 18th century
 - European voyages of exploration
 - Search for gold; enslavement, raids, extermination
 - Indigenous people and cultures - the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas
 - The history of displacements
 - Historians' viewpoints on the slave trade

Section D: Paths to Modernization

Unit 13: Introduction

Unit 14: The Industrial Revolution

- Focus on England, 18th and 19th century
 - Innovations and technological change
 - Patterns of growth
 - Emergence of a working class
 - Historians' viewpoints, Debate on 'Was there an Industrial Revolution?'

Unit 15: Displacing Indigenous People

- Focus on North America and Australia, 18th-20th century
 - European colonists in North America and Australia
 - Formation of white settler societies

- Displacement and repression of local people
- Historians' viewpoints on the impact of European settlement on indigenous population

Unit 16: Paths to Modernization

- Focus on East Asia, late 19th and 20th century
 - Militarization and economic growth in Japan
 - China and the Communist alternative
 - Historians' Debate on the meaning of modernization

Unit 17: Map Work (on Units 1-16)