

Western Civilization Curriculum Template

Quarter 1

Week #	Unit/Topic- Approximate time to teach	Vocab/Critical Concepts	NE State Standard	Materials/ Resources	Assignments/ Projects/ Assessments	Other:
Week 1	Unit 1 Religions (Judaism)	Zealot/ Covenant/ Gentiles/ Messiah		Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Religion Unit Test	
		Explain how each faith influences the lives of people		Fordham.edu	Vocabulary Quizzes	
		Connect each faith to their present day interactions				
Week 2	Religions (Islam)	Muhammad/ Shi'ite/ Sunni/ Allah/ Five Pillars				
		Summarize the basic beliefs of each religion				
Week 3/4	Religions (Christianity)	Constantine/ Jesus Christ/ Edict of Milan				
Weeks 5-8	Unit 2 Rise of European Nation States	Essential Questions: How did the nation states of Europe develop out of the shadow on the Roman Empire?	SS HS.3.2 Evaluate how regions form and change over time.	HistoryGuide.org	Unit Test	
		Feudalism/ Common Law/ Sacraments/ Manorialism/ Nobility/ Parliament	SS HS.3.3 Analyze how the natural environment and cultural landscape are transformed by natural and human forces and interpret how humans adapt to their surroundings.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Magna/Carta Compare and Contrast Activity	
		Describe the systems of feudalism and manorialism	SS HS.3.4 Compare and contrast patterns of human populations and culture over space and time on a local, national, and global scale.	Fordham.edu	Good King or Bad King? King John Decision Making Game	
		Compare and contrast the development of Germany, England, France	HS.4.1 (WLD) Analyze and evaluate patterns of continuity and change over time in world history.		Family Crest Activity	
		Explain how the Roman Catholic Church influenced European society				

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Week 1/2	Renaissance	Describe the causes to the Renaissance.	SS HS.3.5 Evaluate issues and/or events using geographic knowledge and geospatial skills to make informed decisions.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Renaissance Artist Gallery Questions	
		Compare and contrast the Italian and Northern Renaissances		Fordham.edu	Renaissance Artist Research Project/Presentation	
		Describe the political, social, and economic effects of the Renaissance	HS.4.1 (WLD) Analyze and evaluate patterns of continuity and change over time in world history.	HistoryGuide.org		
			SS HS.2.5.c Hypothesize how competition between sellers could result in lower prices, higher quality products, and better customer service.		Luther 95 Thesis Questions	
					Vocabulary Quizzes	
		Capital/ Humanism/ Middle Class/ Plague/ Renaissance	SS HS.4.3 (WLD) Examine historical events from the perspectives of diverse groups.			
Week 3/4	Reformation	Explain the religious and political causes to the Reformation	SS HS.4.1.a (WLD) Evaluate the cause and effect of historical events in the world.			
		Compare and contrast different Protestant faiths		Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Renaissance/Reformation Unit Test	
		Describe the Counter Reformation	SS HS.4.1.c (WLD) Evaluate the impact of people, events, and ideas, including various cultures and ethnic groups, on the world.	Fordham.edu	Vocabulary Quizzes	
		Explain the political, social, and economics effects of the Reformation		Luther (PBS Documentary)		
		Denomination/ Indulgences/ Protestant/ Reformation/ Salvation				
Week 5/6	Age of Exploration	Explain the causes & motivations for exploration	SS HS.4.3 (US) Examine historical events from the perspectives of marginalized and underrepresented groups.	Fordham.edu	Age of Exploration Test	
			SS HS.3.4.c Analyze the relationships of sovereign nations and the role of multinational organizations on conflict and cooperation both between and within countries.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Vocabulary Quizzes	
		Be able to identify the major European powers involved, where they colonized, & what they took	SS HS.3.4.b Examine the spread of cultural traits and the potential benefits and challenges of cultural diffusion, economic development, and globalization		Primary Doc Questions (Columbus Letters)	
			SS HS.2.5.a Summarize the role of competition, markets, and prices.			
		Compare & contrast the effects of colonization on the colonies & the European countries involved	SS HS.2.5.b Illustrate how markets determine changing equilibrium prices through supply and demand analysis.			
			SS HS.2.5.d Investigate possible causes and consequences of shortages and surpluses.			
		Colony/ Mesizo/ Conquistador/ Mercantilism/ Middle Passage				

Week 7/8	Scientific Revolution	Identify and Explain the contributions of the Scientific Revolution				
		Explain how the ideas of the Scientific Revolution conflicted with those of the Roman Catholic Church				
		Describe the effects of the Scientific Revolution				

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Week 1/2	Absolutism	Explain the causes of absolutism Identify & describe major examples of European absolutists Compare & contrast the effects of the absolutists on Europe Compare & contrast the idea of the social contract with the divine right of kings	SS HS.4.1.a (WLD) Evaluate the cause and effect of historical events in the world.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Absolute Monarch Goals Chart	
		Divine Right/ Constitutional Monarch/ Mercantilism/ Westernization/ Absolutism	SS HS.4.1.b (WLD) Select, record, and interpret key global events in chronological order	Fordam.edu	Frederick the Great Letter to Monarchs	
			SS HS.4.2.a (WLD) Identify and evaluate how considering multiple perspectives facilitates an understanding of history.	Historyguide.com	Absolutism Unit Test	
			SS HS.4.3.a (WLD) Identify how differing experiences can lead to the development of perspectives.			
			SS HS.4.4.c (WLD) Determine the relationship between multiple causes and effects of events and developments in the past.			
			SS HS.4.4.a (WLD) Compare, contrast, and critique the central arguments in primary and secondary sources of history from multiple media.			
Weeks 3/4	Enlightenment	Compare & contrast the ideas of the Enlightenment with those absolutism Compare & contrast the ideas of the major figures of the Enlightenment Explain how the ideas of the Enlightenment are relevant today	SS HS.4.1.a (WLD) Evaluate the cause and effect of historical events in the world.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Enlightenment Unit Test	
		Checks and Balances/ Rationalism/ Enlightenment/ Social Contract/ Republic	SS HS.4.2.a (WLD) Identify and evaluate how considering multiple perspectives facilitates an understanding of history.	Fordham.edu	Rousseau- Social Contract Questions	
			SS HS.4.3.a (WLD) Identify how differing experiences can lead to the development of perspectives.	Hisotryguide.com	Enlightenment Influence on U.S Constitution Essay	
			SS HS.4.4.c (WLD) Determine the relationship between multiple causes and effects of events and developments in the past.			
			SS HS.4.5.e (WLD) Communicate inquiry results within a historical context.			
			SS HS.4.5.b (WLD) Locate, evaluate, and cite appropriate sources for research about selected topics in world history, including primary and secondary sources.			
			SS HS.4.5.e (WLD) Communicate inquiry results within a historical context.			
Weeks 5-9	Revolutions/Napolean	Summarize how the Declaration of Independence utilizes the ideas of the Enlightenment Explain the causes of the French Revolution Analyze & summarize how the ideas of the Enlightenment were acted upon during the events of the French Revolution Compare & contrast the American Revolution with the French Revolution Analyze the rise & fall of Napoleon Compare & contrast the goals of the French Revolution with Napoleon's rule Compare & contrast the ideas of the Enlightenment with the goals of the Congress of Vienna	SS HS.4.4.d (WLD) Synthesize the relationships among historical events in the world and relevant contemporary issues.	Declaration of the Rights of Man- WorldBook.com: Online text of the document.	Revolutions Test	
		Coup/ Balance of Power/ Concrordat/ Emigres/ Estates	SS HS.4.1.a (WLD) Evaluate the cause and effect of historical events in the world.	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Congres of Vienna Quiz	
			SS HS.4.1.b (WLD) Select, record, and interpret key global events in chronological order	Fordham.edu	Napolean Quiz	
			SS HS.4.4.c (WLD) Determine the relationship between multiple causes and effects of events and developments in the past.		Declarations of Rights and Man Questions	

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Week 1-4	Age of Ideologies	<p>Explain how nationalism was a reaction to the Enlightenment & Napoleon</p> <p>Analyze & summarize the interaction between nationalism, imperialism, & militarism</p> <p>Describe the causes of WWI</p> <p>Analyze & summarize the causes of the Russian Revolution & its effect on WWI</p> <p>Compare & contrast the Russian Revolution with the French Revolution</p> <p>Compare & contrast the post-war goals & ideas of the Allied nations</p> <p>Explain how the Treaty of Versailles laid the foundation for WWII</p>	SS HS.4.5.a (WLD) Construct meaningful questions that initiate an inquiry	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Ideologies Unit Test	
		Nationalism/ Imperialism/ Socialism/ Assimilation/ Laissez Faire/ Utilitarianism/ Industrialization	SS HS.4.5.c (WLD) Select, organize, and corroborate relevant historical information about selected topics in world history.	Fordam.edu	Comparison of Ideologies Project	
		Social Darwinism/ Radical	SS HS.4.5.d (WLD) Synthesize historical information to create new understandings.	Historyguide.com	Nationalism Quiz	
					Impact of Industrial Revolution Assignment	
					Industrial Revolution Quiz	
					Henry Stanley Imperialism of Africa Question	
Week 5-8	Rise of Dictators/WWII	Describe the causes and effects of the Holocaust	SS HS.4.2.b (WLD) Evaluate the relevancy, accuracy, and completeness of primary and secondary sources to better understand multiple perspectives of the same event.			
		List & explain the major battles that led to the Axis defeat	SS HS.4.3.a (WLD) Identify how differing experiences can lead to the development of perspectives.		Rise of Dictators Quiz	
		Compare & contrast the path the power of Mussolini, Stalin, & Hitler	SS HS.4.3.b (WLD) Interpret how and why diverse groups and/or individuals might understand historical events similarly or differently	Modern World History- McDougal Little (2007)	Holocaust Timeline Activity	
		Describe the causes and effects of WWII	SS HS.4.1.b (WLD) Select, record, and interpret key global events in chronological order.	Fordam.edu	Lost Letters of Holocaust Activity	
			SS HS.4.1.c (WLD) Evaluate the impact of people, events, and ideas, including various cultures and ethnic groups, on the world	Historyguide.com	Concentration Camp Slide Presentation	