



World History Assessment

Eligible Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

STAAR World History Assessed Curriculum

Reporting Category 1: History 8000 BC to AD 1750

The student will demonstrate an understanding of issues and events in world history from 8000 BC to AD 1750.

- (1) **History.** The student understands traditional historical points of reference in world history. The student is expected to
 - (A) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following events from 8000 BC to 500 BC: the development of agriculture and the development of the river valley civilizations;
Supporting Standard
 - (B) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following events from 500 BC to AD 600: the development of the classical civilizations of Greece, Rome, Persia, India (Maurya and Gupta), China (Zhou, Qin, and Han), and the development of major world religions;
Supporting Standard
 - (C) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 600 to 1450: the spread of Christianity, the decline of Rome and the formation of medieval Europe; the development of Islamic caliphates and their impact on Asia, Africa, and Europe; the Mongol invasions and their impact on Europe, China, India, and Southwest Asia; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (D) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1450 to 1750: the rise of the Ottoman Empire, the influence of the Ming dynasty on world trade, European exploration and the Columbian Exchange, European expansion, and the Renaissance and the Reformation.
Supporting Standard
- (2) **History.** The student understands how early civilizations developed from 8000 BC to 500 BC. The student is expected to
 - (A) summarize the impact of the development of farming (Neolithic Revolution) on the creation of river valley civilizations;
Supporting Standard
 - (B) identify the characteristics of civilization; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) explain how major river valley civilizations influenced the development of the classical civilizations. **Supporting Standard**

- (3) **History.** The student understands the contributions and influence of classical civilizations from 500 BC to AD 600 on subsequent civilizations. The student is expected to
- (A) describe the major political, religious/philosophical, and cultural influences of Persia, India, China, Israel, Greece, and Rome, including the development of monotheism, Judaism, and Christianity; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain the impact of the fall of Rome on Western Europe; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) compare the factors that led to the collapse of Rome and Han China. **Supporting Standard**
- (4) **History.** The student understands how, after the collapse of classical empires, new political, economic, and social systems evolved and expanded from 600 to 1450. The student is expected to
- (A) explain the development of Christianity as a unifying social and political factor in medieval Europe and the Byzantine Empire; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain the characteristics of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) describe the major characteristics of and the factors contributing to the development of the political/social system of feudalism and the economic system of manorialism; **Readiness Standard**
 - (D) explain the political, economic, and social impact of Islam on Europe, Asia, and Africa; **Readiness Standard**
 - (E) describe the interactions among Muslim, Christian, and Jewish societies in Europe, Asia, and North Africa; **Supporting Standard**
 - (F) describe the interactions between Muslim and Hindu societies in South Asia; **Supporting Standard**
 - (G) explain how the Crusades, the Black Death, the Hundred Years' War, and the Great Schism contributed to the end of medieval Europe; **Readiness Standard**
 - (H) summarize the major political, economic, and cultural developments in Tang and Song China and their impact on Eastern Asia; **Readiness Standard**
 - (I) explain the development of the slave trade; **Supporting Standard**
 - (J) analyze how the Silk Road and the African gold-salt trade facilitated the spread of ideas and trade; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (K) summarize the changes resulting from the Mongol invasions of Russia, China, and the Islamic world. **Readiness Standard**

- (5) **History.** The student understands the causes, characteristics, and impact of the European Renaissance and the Reformation from 1450 to 1750. The student is expected to
- (A) explain the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Renaissance; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Reformation. **Readiness Standard**
- (6) **History.** The student understands the characteristics and impact of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations. The student is expected to
- (A) compare the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations and explain how prior civilizations influenced their development; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain how the Inca and Aztec empires were impacted by European exploration/colonization. **Supporting Standard**
- (7) **History.** The student understands the causes and impact of European expansion from 1450 to 1750. The student is expected to
- (A) analyze the causes of European expansion from 1450 to 1750; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain the impact of the Columbian Exchange on the Americas and Europe; **Readiness Standard**
 - (C) explain the impact of the Atlantic slave trade on West Africa and the Americas; **Readiness Standard**
 - (D) explain the impact of the Ottoman Empire on Eastern Europe and global trade; **Readiness Standard**
 - (E) explain Ming China's impact on global trade; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (F) explain new economic factors and principles that contributed to the success of Europe's Commercial Revolution. **Readiness Standard**

Reporting Category 2: History 1750 to the Present

The student will demonstrate an understanding of issues and events in world history from 1750 to the present.

- (1) **History.** The student understands traditional historical points of reference in world history. The student is expected to
 - (E) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1750 to 1914: the Scientific Revolution, the Industrial Revolution and its impact on the development of modern economic systems, European imperialism, and the Enlightenment's impact on political revolutions; and
Supporting Standard
 - (F) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1914 to the present: the world wars and their impact on political, economic, and social systems; communist revolutions and their impact on the Cold War; independence movements; and globalization. **Supporting Standard**
- (8) **History.** The student understands the causes and the global impact of the Industrial Revolution and European imperialism from 1750 to 1914. The student is expected to
 - (A) explain how 17th and 18th century European scientific advancements led to the Industrial Revolution; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain how the Industrial Revolution led to political, economic, and social changes in Europe; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) identify the major political, economic, and social motivations that influenced European imperialism; **Readiness Standard**
 - (D) explain the major characteristics and impact of European imperialism; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (E) explain the effects of free enterprise in the Industrial Revolution.
Supporting Standard
- (9) **History.** The student understands the causes and effects of major political revolutions between 1750 and 1914. The student is expected to
 - (A) compare the causes, characteristics, and consequences of the American and French revolutions, emphasizing the role of the Enlightenment, the Glorious Revolution, and religion;
Readiness Standard
 - (B) explain the impact of Napoleon Bonaparte and the Napoleonic Wars on Europe and Latin America; **Supporting Standard**

- (C) trace the influence of the American and French revolutions on Latin America, including the role of Simón Bolívar; and
Supporting Standard
 - (D) identify the influence of ideas such as separation of powers, checks and balances, liberty, equality, democracy, popular sovereignty, human rights, constitutionalism, and nationalism on political revolutions. **Supporting Standard**
- (10) **History.** The student understands the causes and impact of World War I. The student is expected to
- (A) identify the importance of imperialism, nationalism, militarism, and the alliance system in causing World War I; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) identify major characteristics of World War I, including total war, trench warfare, modern military technology, and high casualty rates;
Supporting Standard
 - (C) explain the political impact of Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points and the political and economic impact of the Treaty of Versailles, including changes in boundaries and the mandate system; and
Readiness Standard
 - (D) identify the causes of the February (March) and October revolutions of 1917 in Russia, their effects on the outcome of World War I, and the Bolshevik establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
Readiness Standard
- (11) **History.** The student understands the causes and impact of the global economic depression immediately following World War I. The student is expected to
- (A) summarize the international, political, and economic causes of the global depression; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) explain the responses of governments in the United States, Germany, and the Soviet Union to the global depression. **Supporting Standard**
- (12) **History.** The student understands the causes and impact of World War II. The student is expected to
- (A) describe the emergence and characteristics of totalitarianism;
Readiness Standard
 - (B) explain the roles of various world leaders, including Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Hideki Tojo, Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill, prior to and during World War II; and
Supporting Standard

- (C) explain the major causes and events of World War II, including the German invasions of Poland and the Soviet Union, the Holocaust, Japanese imperialism, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Normandy landings, and the dropping of the atomic bombs.
Readiness Standard
- (13) **History.** The student understands the impact of major events associated with the Cold War and independence movements. The student is expected to
- (A) summarize how the outcome of World War II contributed to the development of the Cold War; **Readiness Standard**
- (B) summarize the factors that contributed to communism in China, including Mao Zedong’s role in its rise, and how it differed from Soviet communism; **Readiness Standard**
- (C) identify the following major events of the Cold War, including the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the arms race;
Readiness Standard
- (D) explain the roles of modern world leaders, including Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev, Lech Walesa, and Pope John Paul II, in the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union;
Supporting Standard
- (E) summarize the rise of independence movements in Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia and reasons for ongoing conflicts; and
Readiness Standard
- (F) explain how Arab rejection of the State of Israel has led to ongoing conflict. **Supporting Standard**
- (14) **History.** The student understands the development of radical Islamic fundamentalism and the subsequent use of terrorism by some of its adherents. The student is expected to
- (A) summarize the development and impact of radical Islamic fundamentalism on events in the second half of the 20th century, including Palestinian terrorism and the growth of al Qaeda; and
Supporting Standard
- (B) explain the U.S. response to terrorism from September 11, 2001, to the present. **Supporting Standard**

Reporting Category 3: Geography and Culture

The student will demonstrate an understanding of geographic and cultural influences on world history.

- (16) **Geography.** The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major historic events and processes. The student is expected to
- (A) locate places and regions of historical significance directly related to major eras and turning points in world history; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) analyze the influence of human and physical geographic factors on major events in world history, including the development of river valley civilizations, trade in the Indian Ocean, and the opening of the Panama and Suez canals. **Readiness Standard**
- (23) **Culture.** The student understands the history and relevance of major religious and philosophical traditions. The student is expected to
- (A) describe the historical origins, central ideas, and spread of major religious and philosophical traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and the development of monotheism; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) identify examples of religious influence on various events referenced in the major eras of world history. **Supporting Standard**
- (24) **Culture.** The student understands the roles of women, children, and families in different historical cultures. The student is expected to
- (A) describe the changing roles of women, children, and families during major eras of world history; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) describe the major influences of women such as Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Mother Teresa, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, and Golda Meir during major eras of world history. **Supporting Standard**
- (25) **Culture.** The student understands how the development of ideas has influenced institutions and societies. The student is expected to
- (A) summarize the fundamental ideas and institutions of Eastern civilizations that originated in China and India; **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) summarize the fundamental ideas and institutions of Western civilizations that originated in Greece and Rome; **Supporting Standard**

- (C) explain the relationship among Christianity, individualism, and growing secularism that began with the Renaissance and how the relationship influenced subsequent political developments; and
Supporting Standard
 - (D) explain how Islam influences law and government in the Muslim world.
Supporting Standard
- (26) **Culture.** The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. The student is expected to
- (A) identify significant examples of art and architecture that demonstrate an artistic ideal or visual principle from selected cultures; and
Supporting Standard
 - (B) analyze examples of how art, architecture, literature, music, and drama reflect the history of the cultures in which they are produced.
Supporting Standard

Reporting Category 4: Government and Citizenship

The student will demonstrate an understanding of civics and the historical development of government.

- (19) **Government.** The student understands the characteristics of major political systems throughout history. The student is expected to
- (A) identify the characteristics of monarchies and theocracies as forms of government in early civilizations; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) identify the characteristics of the following political systems: theocracy, absolute monarchy, democracy, republic, oligarchy, limited monarchy, and totalitarianism. **Readiness Standard**
- (20) **Government.** The student understands how contemporary political systems have developed from earlier systems of government. The student is expected to
- (A) explain the development of democratic-republican government from its beginnings in the Judeo-Christian legal tradition and classical Greece and Rome through the English Civil War and the Enlightenment; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) identify the impact of political and legal ideas contained in the following documents: Hammurabi’s Code, the Jewish Ten Commandments, Justinian’s Code of Laws, Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) explain the political philosophies of individuals such as John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Voltaire, Charles de Montesquieu, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, Thomas Jefferson, and William Blackstone; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (D) explain the significance of the League of Nations and the United Nations. **Supporting Standard**
- (21) **Citizenship.** The student understands the significance of political choices and decisions made by individuals, groups, and nations throughout history. The student is expected to
- (A) describe how people have participated in supporting or changing their governments; **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens and noncitizens in civic participation throughout history; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (C) identify examples of key persons who were successful in shifting political thought, including William Wilberforce. **Supporting Standard**

- (22) **Citizenship.** The student understands the historical development of significant legal and political concepts related to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The student is expected to
- (A) summarize the development of the rule of law from ancient to modern times; **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) identify the influence of ideas regarding the right to a “trial by a jury of your peers” and the concepts of “innocent until proven guilty” and “equality before the law” that originated from the Judeo-Christian legal tradition and in Greece and Rome; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) identify examples of politically motivated mass murders in Cambodia, China, Latin America, the Soviet Union, and Armenia; **Supporting Standard**
 - (D) identify examples of genocide, including the Holocaust and genocide in the Balkans, Rwanda, and Darfur; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (E) identify examples of individuals who led resistance to political oppression such as Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, Oscar Romero, Natan Sharansky, Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, and Chinese student protestors in Tiananmen Square. **Supporting Standard**

Reporting Category 5: Economics, Science, Technology, and Society

The student will demonstrate an understanding of economic and technological influences on world history.

- (17) **Economics.** The student understands the impact of the Neolithic and Industrial revolutions and globalization on humanity. The student is expected to
- (A) identify important changes in human life caused by the Neolithic Revolution and the Industrial Revolution; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) summarize the role of economics in driving political changes as related to the Neolithic Revolution and the Industrial Revolution; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) summarize the economic and social impact of 20th century globalization. **Supporting Standard**
- (18) **Economics.** The student understands the historical origins of contemporary economic systems and the benefits of free enterprise in world history. The student is expected to
- (A) identify the historical origins and characteristics of the free enterprise system, including the contributions of Adam Smith, especially the influence of his ideas found in *The Wealth of Nations*; **Readiness Standard**
 - (B) identify the historical origins and characteristics of communism, including the influences of Karl Marx; **Readiness Standard**
 - (C) identify the historical origins and characteristics of socialism; **Readiness Standard**
 - (D) identify the historical origins and characteristics of fascism; and **Readiness Standard**
 - (E) explain why communist command economies collapsed in competition with free market economies at the end of the 20th century. **Supporting Standard**
- (27) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations affected societies prior to 1750. The student is expected to
- (A) identify the origin and diffusion of major ideas in mathematics, science, and technology that occurred in river valley civilizations, classical Greece and Rome, classical India, and the Islamic caliphates between 700 and 1200 and in China from the Tang to Ming dynasties; **Supporting Standard**

- (B) summarize the major ideas in astronomy, mathematics, and architectural engineering that developed in the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) explain the impact of the printing press on the Renaissance and the Reformation in Europe; **Supporting Standard**
 - (D) describe the origins of the Scientific Revolution in 16th century Europe and explain its impact on scientific thinking worldwide; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (E) identify the contributions of significant scientists such as Archimedes, Copernicus, Eratosthenes, Galileo, Pythagoras, Isaac Newton, and Robert Boyle. **Supporting Standard**
- (28) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations have affected societies from 1750 to the present. The student is expected to
- (A) explain the role of textile manufacturing and steam technology in initiating the Industrial Revolution and the role of the factory system and transportation technology in advancing the Industrial Revolution; **Supporting Standard**
 - (B) explain the roles of military technology, transportation technology, communication technology, and medical advancements in initiating and advancing 19th century imperialism; **Supporting Standard**
 - (C) explain the effects of major new military technologies on World War I, World War II, and the Cold War; **Supporting Standard**
 - (D) explain the role of telecommunication technology, computer technology, transportation technology, and medical advancements in developing the modern global economy and society; and **Supporting Standard**
 - (E) identify the contributions of significant scientists and inventors such as Marie Curie, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur, and James Watt. **Supporting Standard**

Social Studies Skills

These skills will not be listed under a separate reporting category. Instead, they will be incorporated into test questions in reporting categories 1–5 and will be identified along with content standards.

- (15) **Geography.** The student uses geographic skills and tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. The student is expected to
- (A) create and interpret thematic maps, graphs, and charts to demonstrate the relationship between geography and the historical development of a region or nation; and
 - (B) analyze and compare geographic distributions and patterns in world history shown on maps, graphs, charts, and models.
- (16) **Geography.** The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major historic events and processes. The student is expected to
- (C) interpret maps, charts, and graphs to explain how geography has influenced people and events in the past.
- (29) **Social studies skills.** The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of valid sources, including electronic technology. The student is expected to
- (C) explain the differences between primary and secondary sources and examine those sources to analyze frame of reference, historical context, and point of view;
 - (F) analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, drawing inferences and conclusions, and developing connections between historical events over time; and
 - (H) use appropriate reading and mathematical skills to interpret social studies information such as maps and graphs.
- (30) **Social studies skills.** The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to
- (A) use social studies terminology correctly; and
 - (C) interpret and create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information.