

**BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL  
SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

**Grade 9: Freshman World History**

World History, the required course for all freshmen, explores the economic and political roots of the modern world, the causes and consequences of the great military and economic events, and the rise of nationalism and the continuing persistence of political, ethnic, and religious conflicts around the world.

In addition to the content presented in the course, emphasis will be placed on students' skill development in the literacy areas of reading, writing, speaking and reasoning. The requirements of the course have been written to reflect high expectations of student achievement in reading, writing, speaking, and reasoning.

The student's proficiency will be assessed through a variety of assessment tools which may include: quizzes; notes from readings/discussions/research; multiple choice tests; open response writing; graded discussions; oral and/or visual presentations, both individual and group; primary source analysis; debates; cooperative learning; writing and editing of essays; critiques of historical media; creative writing including poems, song lyrics, newspapers, children's books, and political cartoons; general research; journal writing; daily homework; interviews and/or surveys; departmental final exam.

**Participation in National History Day is encouraged for all students in grades 9-12. Information is distributed in October or is available in the Red Social Science office.**

**CORE KNOWLEDGE:**

**REVIEW OF THE KEY EVENTS FROM 1500-1800**

- Renaissance and Reformation
- Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- American Revolution and French Revolution
- Age of Exploration
- Absolutism
- History of Japan, China, Korea, Southeast Asia
- Growth of Islamic Empires
- History of India
- Civilizations of Central and South America

**INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE IN EUROPE, 1800-1914**

- Causes of the Industrial Revolution
- Positive and Negative Effects of the Industrial Revolution
- Capitalism, Socialism, Communism
- Rise of Unions
- Democratic Reform and Activism in England and France
- The Ideal of Nationalism: Unification of Italy and Germany
- Revolution in the Arts: Romanticism, Realism, Impressionism
- Roots of Imperialism

**ASIAN, AFRICAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES**

- Imperialists Divide Africa
- African Resistance to Imperialism
- British Rule in India
- Indian Nationalist Movements
- Western Powers Rule Southeast Asia
- China Responds to Pressure from the West

- Chinese Nationalism
- Japan Modernizes
- Latin American Peoples Win Independence
- United States Economic Imperialism in Latin America
- The Mexican Revolution

### **THE GREAT WARS, 1914-1945**

- Causes of World War I
- Slaughter, Stalemate, Attrition-World War I
- Consequences of World War I
- Treaty of Versailles
- Major Developments in the Middle East and Central Asia in the period between the Wars
- Russian Revolution
- Global Depression of the 1930s
- Totalitarianism in Italy, Germany, and the Soviet Union
- Aggressors on the March: Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Japanese Militarists
- Key Leaders, Battles and Events of World War II
- The Holocaust
- The Atomic Bomb
- Consequences of World War II
- Establishment of the United Nations

### **COLD WAR ERA, 1945-1989**

- Causes of the Cold War
- United States Response to Soviet Expansion
- Arms Race and Key Events of Cold War Era: Korean War, Uprising in Hungary, Conflicts in Cuba, Berlin; Vietnam War, Détente, Soviet War in Afghanistan
- Communists Triumph in China
- Political, Economic, Social Upheaval in China
- Post-War Europe and Japan
- Scientific Breakthroughs During and After World War II
- Nationalist Movements in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East
- Establishment of the Modern State of Israel
- Military and Political Conflict Between Israel and the Arab World

### **THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD, 1989-2001**

- Collapse of the Soviet Union and the Communist Regimes of Eastern Europe
- Ethnic and Religious Conflict: Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Sudan and Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Kashmir
- Causes of Apartheid in South Africa
- AIDS in Asia and African Countries
- Computer Revolution in Science, Medicine, Communication
- The Rise of Funding of Islamic Fundamentalism
- America's Response to and the Wider Consequences of the September 11, 2001 Attack on the World Trade Center

### **Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework Learning Standards Addressed:**

- Industrial Revolution
- Asian, African, and Latin American History in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- The Great Wars, 1914-1945
- Cold War Era, 1945-1989
- The Contemporary World, 1989-2001

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