



***Department of Teaching & Learning***  
***Parent/Student Course Information***

***World History and Geography to 1500***  
***(SO 2344)***  
***One World Studies credit, One year***  
***Grades 9***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

World History and Geography, Part I examines the development of human societies from pre-history to 1500 A.D. Students will explore the historic, economic and cultural contributions of ancient and classical civilizations including world religions, both Western and non-Western. Basic historical concepts such as conflicts, change and diversity will be investigated. Emphasis is also placed on evaluating sources of information, recognizing cause and effect relationships and developing a sense of time and place. Students will take the SOL test for World History to 1500 A.D. or a substitute test approved by the State Board of Education. See the Student Guide for information about substitute tests. Specific dates for the SOL test will be announced by the school.

**PREREQUISITE**

None

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Following the successful completion of World History and Geography, Part I students may select World History and Geography, Part II or World Geography.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

The teacher may choose to supplement textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from Classroom in Context (CLiC), which is a set of online resource databases, as well as daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

**STANDARDS OF LEARNING  
WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY TO 1500**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for World History and Geography to 1500 from the Virginia Department of Education Website.

[World History and Geography to 1500](#)

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