

# AP® World History

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

AP World History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university world history course. In AP World History students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in six historical periods from approximately 8000 B.C.E. to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical comparisons; and utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time.

The course provides five themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places:

- interaction between humans and the environment;
- development and interaction of cultures;
- state building, expansion, and conflict;
- creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems; and
- development and transformation of social structures.

### Mr. Jeffrey Bourassa

Mr. Bourassa enjoys teaching history and his favorite thing about teaching is seeing how the students choose to interact and conceptualize content in different ways. But above all, he loves to develop relationships with his students, which is his favorite part. He is passionate about learning, specifically about different cultures, histories, and people. When Mr. Bourassa is not teaching, he loves spending time with his family.