

AP World History
Themes for World History

<p>Theme 1: Humans and the Environment The environment shapes human societies, and as populations grow and change, these populations in turn shape their environments.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How have people used diverse tools/technologies to adapt to and affect the environment over time?2. How and to what extent has human migration/settlement been influenced by the environment during different periods in world history?3. How has the environment changed as a consequence of population growth/urbanization?4. How have processes of industrialization and global integration been shaped by environmental factors and in turn how has their development affected the environment over time?
<p>Theme 2: Cultural Developments and Interactions The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How/why have religions, belief systems, philosophies, and ideologies developed and transformed as they spread from their places of origin to other regions?2. How have religions, belief systems, philosophies, and ideologies affected the development of societies over time?3. In what ways do the arts reflect innovation, adaptation, and creativity of specific societies?
<p>Theme 3: Governance A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How have different forms of governance been constructed and maintained over time?2. How have economic, social, cultural, and environmental circumstances influenced the processes of state building, expansion, and dissolution (disbanding)?3. How have conflicts, exchanges, and alliances influenced the processes of state building, expansion, and dissolution (disbanding)?

<p>Theme 4: Economic Systems As societies develop, they affect and are affected by the ways that they produce, exchange, and consume goods and services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How and to what extent have modes of production/commerce changed over time? 2. How have different labor systems developed and changed over time? 3. How have economic systems and development of ideologies (beliefs), values, and institutions (organizations/traditions) influenced each other over time? 4. What is the relationship among local, regional, and global economic systems; how have those relationships changed over time?
<p>Theme 5: Social Interactions and Organization The process by which societies group their members and the norms that govern the interactions between these groups and between individuals influence political, economic, and cultural institutions and organization.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How have distinctions based on kinship, ethnicity, class, gender and race influenced the development and transformations of social hierarchies? 2. How, by whom, and in what ways have social categories, roles, and practices been maintained or challenged over time? 4. How have political, economic, cultural, and demographic changes affected social structures over time?
<p>Theme 6: Technology and Innovation Human adaptation and innovation have resulted in increased efficiency, comfort, and security, and technological advances have shaped human development and interactions with both intended and unintended consequences.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What ways has the technology advanced human development? Did the technology harm human development? 2. What was the impact of the technology or innovation on society? Did it displace workers, did it create new workers? 3. What ways is the technology changing &/or staying the same? 4. What technologies determined the success & survival of some civilizations &/or what technologies contributed to the destruction of civilizations?