



Course Description

This class explores the unique peoples, cultures, and civilizations that existed almost 2000 years ago. We will study Medieval Europe, Islam, South Asia, West Africa, Imperial China, Japan, and Civilizations of the America. And investigate the development of arts, architecture, writing, government, politics, and religions within these vast regions of the Medieval world. We will look behind the scenes to see how empires rise and fall, and how distant regions of the world became interconnected. And along our journey of investigating the people of the past, you will see deep connections to the people of today.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 16 units.

Course Overview

Semester 1

- Overview of the Medieval World
- Feudalism
- Growth of Medieval Europe
- Decline of Feudalism
- Islam
- Medieval Muslims
- South Asia
- The Culture and Kingdoms of West Africa

Semester 2

- Islam and West Africa
- Imperial China
- Chinese Influence
- Medieval Japan
- Medieval America
- Mongol Empire
- Renaissance
- Leading Figures of Change

Required Course Materials

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind

in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

Methods of Evaluation

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Synchronous Sessions)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Exam
- 15% Unit Tests