

HOMESCHOOL NATIONS

World History

Ancient civilizations to the modern world, with your student running a nation the whole way.

Grade fit: Grades 5-12 · Format: printable PDF unit

About this unit

World history stops being a list of dates when students are responsible for a country of their own. This unit runs from the first river civilizations through classical empires, the medieval world, revolutions, industry, world wars, and the present, and each era comes with a decision your student has to make in SFC Nations: how to tax, who to ally with, when to expand, when to stop.

What students will be able to do

- Place the major civilizations and eras on a single working timeline
- Explain why empires rise and why they collapse, with examples
- Compare government and economic systems across eras and regions
- Trace how trade, technology, and disease moved ideas and power
- Analyze causes and effects of revolutions and both world wars
- Support a historical argument with evidence from primary sources

These are sample pages only. The complete unit, answer keys, and printable worksheet packs are part of the Homeschool Nations bundle.

Sample lesson — topics covered

River civilizations and the ancient world

Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley, and early China. Writing, law codes, irrigation, and the first cities, with students building their own founding charter in parallel.

Classical empires

Persia, Greece, Rome, Han China, and the Maurya and Gupta periods. Students compare how each held territory together and where each cracked.

The medieval and connected world

Islamic golden age scholarship, Byzantium, the Silk Road, Mongol networks, African and American kingdoms, feudal Europe, and the plague that reshaped labor.

Try it this week

1. Build a wall timeline and add every era as you study it
2. Write a cause-and-effect chain for one empire's collapse
3. Pick a real historical government type for your nation and live with it a week

Sample worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. In one sentence, what is the big idea of this World History unit?

2. Describe one decision you made in your nation and what happened next.

3. What evidence from your nation's data supports that answer?

4. What would you do differently next week, and why?

Weekly plan at a glance

- Monday: read the era, add entries to the timeline
- Tuesday: map the region and the trade routes involved
- Wednesday: primary source reading with three questions
- Thursday: mirror the era's dilemma in your nation and record the outcome
- Friday: paragraph, essay section, or oral summary

Full unit — including every worksheet, rubric, and answer key — unlocks with the Homeschool Nations bundle at sfcnations.com/homeschool-nations-launch