UNIT	SKILLS	TYPE OF ASSESSMENT USED
Methods of Social Science (review in both years)	 History and historical analysis, periodization Geography – essential elements, world regions Economics – major concepts, interdependence, economic decision-making Political science, governmental systems and purposes, citizens rights and responsibilities over time Definition of culture and civilization, elements of and concept of cultural diffusion 	Topics covered through objective and essay questions wrapped into each unit
Ancient World Civilizations and Religions: 4000 BC - 50 AD	 Early peoples Neolithic Revolution and Early River Civilizations geography, economic, political and social structure and contributions Classical Civilizations – organization and contributions – Chinese, Greek, Roman Empire, Mauryan Rise and fall of the empires – factors leading to the growth and demise Emergence and spread of Belief Systems – origins and major beliefs of Animism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese philosophies, Judaism, Christianity, Islam Expansion of Christianity, Islam and Buddhism by conquest and trade 	 Objective and essay questions including thematic and DBQs Group projects based on the study of the religions. Include individual papers and group class presentations. Objective and essay question exam on all religions.
Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter: 500 – 1200	12. Study of major civilizations of this period including Gupta, Tang, Byzantine, Islamic, Medieval Europe and the spread of Islam. In each area we look at spatial organization, geography, achievements and contributions, impact on neighbors and the world 13. The Crusades – and their impact upon Southwest Asia, Byzantium and Europe	Objective and essay questions including thematic and DBQs

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Global Interactions: 1200 – 1650	 14. Growing civilizations, their geography, organization and impact on neighbors and the world. Japan up to Tokugawas, Mongols 15. Growth of trading centers – Canton, Cairo and Venice, rebirth of Urban Europe, expansion of Chinese and Portuguese traders 16. Impact of the plague on Europe, Eurasia and Africa 17. Resurgence of Europe, Medieval and Renaissance Europe 18. The growth of guilds, towns and the commercial revolution 19. Growth of Humanism – other world to secular – rise in art, architecture, literature, political science, science and technology 20. Reformation and the Counter Reformation – Luther, growth of anti-Semitism, Calvin, role of men and women in the church, resurgence of witchcraft and religious wars in Europe 21. Rise of the nation state and decline of feudalism, case study of 	
The First Global Age: 1450 – 1770	Elizabeth I, Magna Carta, Joan of Arc 22. Empires of Mesoamerican, African, Ming 23. Spatial organization/geography, organizational structure, contributions and impact on neighbors 24. Impact of the Ottoman Empire on the Middle East and Europe 25. Spain on the eve of the encounter 26. Encounter between Europe and the peoples of the Americas, Africa and Asia. Impact of technology, colonial competition, demographic shifts, Mercantilism, Colonialism 27. Rise of political ideologies – global Absolutism and the world's reaction	Objective and essay questions including thematic and DBQs
An Age of Revolutions: 1750 – 1800	28. Scientific Revolution 29. European Age Enlightenment 30. French Revolution causes, impact on France and the rise of Napoleon	Object and essay questions including thematic and DBQs