

Social Studies 9

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Understanding the Past Five Centuries

This course is created by Rod and Staff Publishers and does not follow the typical format of Christian Light curriculum. There are no units, instead the course is broken into twenty-eight chapters, each containing multiple sections and student exercises. The course also includes fourteen chapter tests, one for every two chapters, and a Final Test.

Chapters 1 - 28

- 1. From Christ to the Crusades**
Early Christianity
The Decline of Rome
The Dark Ages
The Middle Ages
- 2. Renaissance and Reformation: 1300-1600**
The Renaissance
The Reformation in Various Nations
The Anabaptist Movement
- 3. Wars Over Religion: Mid-1500s to Mid-1600s**
Revolt of Peasants in Germany
The Holy Roman Empire
The Counter Reformation
Protestants in the Netherlands, France, and England
The Thirty Years' War
- 4. The Struggles in England: 1603-1689**
English Concepts About Law
English Life and Politics During the 1600s
The English Civil War
The Restoration of the Monarchy
- 5. The Age of Louis XIV: 1638-1715**
The Reign and Legacy of Louis XIV
Rule by Absolute Authority
The Netherlands in the Age of Louis XIV
Freedom of Religion and Press
- 6. Empires in Central and Eastern Europe: 1600s and 1700s**
Development of the German States
Decline of the Ottoman Empire
Dissolving of Poland
Awakening in Russia
- 7. Asia Before 1800**
The Hindu Culture and India Before 1800
Chines and Japanese Cultures and Religions
Chinese History Before 1800
Japanese History Before 1800
European Involvement in Asia
- 8. Africa Before 1800**
Northern Africa
Empires South of the Sahara
Early Bantu Migrations
Traditional Religion, Culture, and Tribal Life
European Exploration of Africa and the Slave Trade
- 9. Rival Empires in America: 1600s and 1700s**
Spanish Colonies in America
French Lands in America
English Settlements in America
Dutch Claims in America
Loss of French and British Colonies
- 10. The Age of Reason: 1600s and 1700s**
Advances and Pioneers in Science and Medicine
Effect of the Scientific View on Education and Religion
Leading Figures in the Age of Reason
Effect of the age of Reason on America
- 11. Those Who Held Faith Above Reason: 1600s and 1700s**
Nonconformist Groups and Leaders
The Pietist and Methodist Movements
Revival of Movements in the New World
Emigration of Mennonites to Pennsylvania
- 12. The Industrial Revolution: 1700s and Early 1800s**
The Industrial Revolution
Reforms, Attempted Reforms, and New Attitudes
New Economic Theories
- 13. The French Revolution and Napoleon's Wars: 1789-1815**
The French Revolution and the American Revolution
Napoleon's Rise and Fall
Napoleon's Influence on Europe
- 14. Germany and Italy Become Modern Nations: 1800s**
German Disunity Turns to National Identity
The Unification of Germany
The Unification of Italy
- 15. Imperialism in the 1800s**
European Ambition for the Colonies
European Dealings in Asia
European Colonies in Africa
European Settlement of Oceania
Expansion of Russia and the United States
- 16. Summary of Social and Scientific Changes Before 1900**
Revival and Reform Activity
Scientific Developments in the 1800s
End of an Era
- 17. New Stirring in Eastern Asia: About 1900**
China About 1900
Chinese Civil Conflicts
The Modernization of Japan
- 18. World War I: 1914-1918**
The Beginning of the War
The United States Enters World War I
Impacts of the War and the Armistice
Mennonites and World War I
- 19. Peace Efforts After World War I**
Revenge and Reparations
Failure of the League of Nations
A Worldwide Depression
Later Peace Agreements
- 20. The Middle East Before 1940**
Review of the Muslim World
Decline of the Ottoman Empire
Development of Jewish Settlement in Palestine
Clash of Zionism and Arab Nationalism
- 21. Communism and Fascism**
The Bolshevik Revolution and Communism in Russia
Fascism and Communism
Fascism Rises in Europe
Christian Responses and Observations
- 22. World War II: 1939-1945**
Japanese Invasions of Neighboring Lands
German Invasion of Neighboring Lands
The Holocaust
United States Enters the War
The Final Days of the War and its Cost
- 23. Changes after World War II: 1945-1960s**
Survey of the Allied and Axis Powers
Founding of the United Nations
Independence for Colonies
- 24. Cold War, Hot War**
Expansion of Communism
The Iron Curtain and NATO
Cold War Conflicts
Arms Race and Space Race
Breakdown of Communism
- 25. The Third World**
The Nonaligned World
The Significance of Third World Countries and Typical Problems
They Face
Divided Peoples and Religious Tensions in Asia
Disillusionment and Tribalism in Africa
Inequalities and Resentment in Latin America
- 26. The Middle East Since the 1940s**
The Rise of the Arab States and Israeli Nationhood
Conflicts Between Israel and Arab States
Petroleum Power for Arab States
The Muslim World and Continuing Conflict
- 27. Prominent Issues in Modern History**
International Commerce and Fair Trade
Hunger, Pestilence, and Foreign Aid
War, Terrorism, and Crime Face Diplomacy and Peacekeeping
The Widespread Breakdown of Morality
- 28. The Christian -- in the World but Not of the World**
Persecution in Communist Countries
Persecution in Non-Communist Countries
Dangers and Opportunities of Religious Freedom
God's Conclusion to World History