

| | AP WORLD THEME & Brief Explanation | Focus Area/Region of the World: _____ Time Period: _____ Key Developments (bullet-points and/or timelines when helpful!) |
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| S | SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND ORGANIZATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How societies group their members and the norms that govern interactions between among/groups • Social categories/classes, roles, hierarchies, ways of grouping members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gender roles, family relations, racial/ethnic or cultural groups | |
| P | POLITICAL STRUCTURES AND FORMS OF GOVERNANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms of state organization (government system) • The factors that influence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emergence of governments/ kingdoms/empires/nations ○ Expansion of govts. ○ Challenges to govts. (revolts/revolutions) ○ Decline of govts. • Methods of maintaining order and exercising power (administrative institutions, policies, courts, laws, treaties) • Importance cities • Interaction between govts. including conflicts & cooperation (war, diplomacy, alliances, international organizations) | |
| I | INTERACTION OF HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How human societies <i>affect their environment</i> (methods/exploitation) • Environmental factors that <i>affect humans</i> • Movement/migration/demography • Disease | |
| C | CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS AND INTERACTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, belief systems, philosophies, knowledge & ideologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Origins ○ Uses ○ Dissemination (spread of) ○ Adaptation/modifications over time • Education, art, music, writing, literature, architecture, • Interaction of societies and their beliefs (and how groups view themselves and others) | |
| E | ECONOMIC SYSTEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What systems/patterns/ideas shape how societies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ produce goods? (includes LABOR SYSTEMS) ○ exchange goods? ○ distribute goods and allocate resources? ○ consume desired goods and services? • What level of political control is there over the economic decisions of the people (what to produce, who to trade with etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How are economic decisions made? Who makes them? • Trade/commerce among societies and BETWEEN societies • Regional vs. global networks of exchange • Improvements/weaknesses in a society's economy (and factors that influence those developments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is the govt prosperous? Are the people? If there is prosperity, how is wealth distributed (equal/inequality)? ○ Is the overall living standard of a region changing? | |
| T | TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & technology that have altered human development (increased efficiency, living standard, etc.) • Innovation that has affected interactions among regions • Intended & unintended consequences of innovation | |