

APPROACHES TO WORLD HISTORY

THEMES

AP World History Themes

Other themes might include: migration, justice and equity, belief systems, identity, globalization, power, human environment interaction, technology, and family.

Why use themes?

Allow for a less textbook centered approach

Provide a selective lens through which to view an aspect of world history

PERIODIZATION

Helps students to remember, organize and sequence

There is debate about 1500 as a turning point for Europe and Americas -- did the west rise then? Is this a turning point for Asia, Oceania and Africa?

Sometimes determined in part by significant turning points, interactions or changes

Does not necessarily reflect global turning points or changes

Traditional tripartite periodization - ancient, medieval and modern

INTEGRATING REGIONAL STUDIES

One might use regional expertise as an anchor from which to spin off to a more global approach

Develop broad questions that address a wide variety of places

By looking at patterns, all places might be the focus, not just the four- five big civilizations.

Use case studies to integrate areas including SE Asia, Oceania, the Americas, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Indian Ocean, Atlantic and Mediterrean basins, South Asia, East Asia, and Europe including Russia.

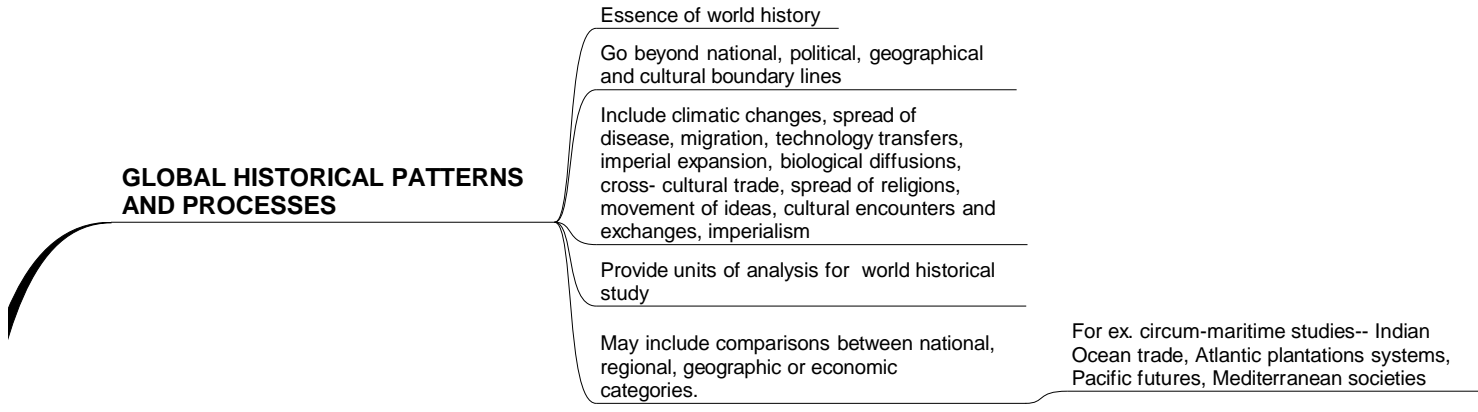
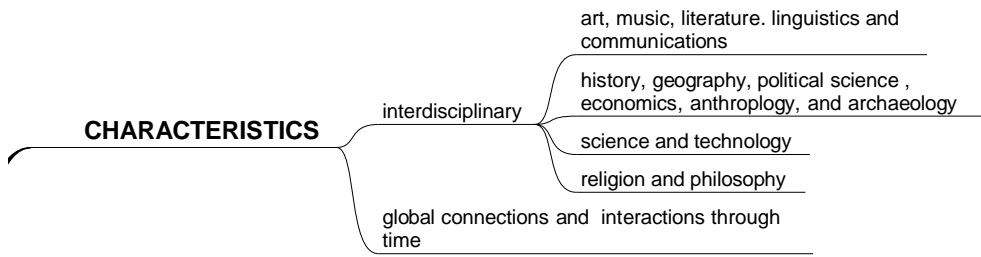
PERSPECTIVE

View events, processes, people, ideas from multiple points of view

Be able to uncover bias

Be able to understand, even when disagreeing, why something happened

EXAMPLES



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