

Areas of Specialization for World History
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Eras of World History by Dates

The Paleolithic Era of Human History (c.250,000-10,000 BCE)

The Early Agrarian Era (c.10,000-3,000 BCE)

The Later Agrarian Era (c.3,000 BCE-500CE)

The Post-Classical Era (c.500-1400CE)

The Early Modern Era (c.1400-1750CE)

The Industrial Era or Age (1750-1900CE)

The Modern Revolution (1750-2010 CE)

The Twentieth Century (1900-2000CE)

The Twenty-First Century (From 2000CE)

The Future

Disciplines Related to World History

Anthropology

Archeology

Art and Architecture

Climatology

Demography

Economics

Evolutionary Psychology

Gender Studies

Geography

Global Religions

Language

Linguistics

Literature

Media studies

Numismatics

Paleoanthropology

Philosophy

Political Science

Science and Technology History

Social History

Social Sciences

Sociology

Technology

Regions in World History

Afroeurasia

Americas

Arctic Regions

Arid Zones
Atlantic Ocean
Australasia
Atlantic World
Central Asia
Desert Zones
East Asia
Europe
Eurasia
Islamic World
Indian Ocean
Inner Eurasia
Latin America
Middle Afroeurasia
North Africa
North America
Oceania
Pacific
Saharan Africa
South Asia
Southeast Asia
Southwest Asia
Sub-Saharan Africa
Sub-Tropical Zones
Temperate Zones
Tropics

Genres of World History

Big History
Comparative World History
Environmental World History
Global Studies
Historiography
World Systems Theory
Universal History

Cultural-Social Themes of World History

Childhood
Class
Cross-Cultural Encounters and Exchanges
Diasporas
Gender
High Culture
Orientalism
Popular Culture
Racism

Religion
Slavery
Social Structures
Sports

Economic Themes of World History

Commodities
Economy
Globalization
Industrialization
Maritime Trade
Monocultural economies
Nomadic and pastoral peoples, impact on trade
Overland Trade
Plantation economies
Southernization
Trade Diasporas
Transoceanic voyaging

Political Themes of World History

Colonialism/imperialism
Communism
Democracy
Dictatorship
Empire/Empires
Fascism
Feudalism
Genocide
Immigration
Frontiers and Borderlands
Modernization
Monarchy
Oligarchy
Nationalism
Rise, Decline and Fall of Civilizations
Socialism
Westernization
Urbanization
War and Diplomacy

Environmental Themes of World History

Climate
Desertification
Environmental Determinism
Food and Foodways
Human Impact on the Environment

Scientific and Medical Themes of World History

Drugs and Intoxicants (as distinct from medicine)

Disease

Epidemics

Medicine

Pandemics