

Course Title:	World History & Geography A	
Michigan High School Social Studies Standards – World History and Geography		
Unit 1	Foundations Era	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What effects did geography have on social, economic, and political development in the ancient and classical worlds? 2. What regions emerged as the locations of the first major civilizations, and why were these regions the earliest centers of civilization? 3. What similarities and differences existed among the world's first civilizations? What role did the environment play in the emergence of various world civilizations? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
F1, F2, F3, F4	1.1	Prehistoric Human Activity
	1.2	Beginnings of Civilization
	1.3	Rise of Greece
	1.4	Regional Interactions
Unit 2	Interactions in the Classical World (300-1500)	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What political and economic effects did Greco-Roman civilizations have on other cultures? 2. In what ways were Greco-Roman cultures influenced by neighboring civilizations? 3. What effects did Greco-Roman civilizations have on later European cultures? 4. How did the rise and fall of classical empires affect different world religions? 5. Why did so many innovative religious and philosophical concepts emerge around the same time in so many different places? 6. What is unique about Islamic culture, and in what specific ways did Islamic traditions build on earlier cultures? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
4.1.1,4.1.2, 4.2.1	2.1	Roman Empire
	2.2	Muslim Civilizations
	2.3	World Religion Development
	2.4	East-West Schism in Europe
Unit 3	Growth of Intra-Regional Trade (300-1500)	

Essential Questions:	Why do governments decide to intervene in the economy? What roles are played by central banks? How do interest rates affect the economy?	
Standards	Assignment	Description
4.1.3, 4.2.2, 4.2.3	3.1	Trade Routes
	3.2	Mongol Expansion
	3.3	The Plague
	3.4	Islamic Empires
Unit 4	Regional Growth to the 1500s	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did, social, economic, political and religious changes affect the growth of different regions? 2. Where were the centers of intellectual activity in the pre-modern world? 3. While Western Europe struggled to restore order, reduce disunity, and reconnect with its past, what was happening in the other major world civilizations? 4. How did social and political structures in different parts of the world compare with each other? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5	4.1	Civilizations of Africa
	4.2	Growth of the Americas
	4.3	European Development
	4.4	Changes in Asia
Unit 5	Transoceanic Travel (15th-18th Centuries)	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did Europeans embark on a lengthy period of global exploration and empire-building? 2. What were the global effects of travel and migration and how did this influence the development of kingdoms and empires? 3. What were the global effects of the exchange of goods, people, and ideas and how did this influence the development of kingdoms and empires? 4. What effects did the networks of exchange transform human societies? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1, 5.2.2	5.1	Portuguese Exploration
	5.2	Conquest of the Aztecs and Inca
	5.3	Columbian Exchange
	5.4	Transatlantic Slave Trade

Unit 6	Regional Development - Asia through the 18th Century	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did regional developments and cultural exchanges in Asia transform human societies? 2. What political and social systems emerged in Asia in the pre-modern era? 3. What technological, philosophical, economic, and political innovations emerged in traditional Asian cultures? 4. How did the path of economic and political development between the Islamic empires and Europe differ in the period from 1400 to 1800? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3	6.1	Ottoman and Safavid Empires
	6.2	East Asia 1200-1650
	6.3	Tokugawa Japan
	6.4	Mughal India
Unit 7	Regional Development - Europe and Americas through the 18th Century	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did expansionism in Russia, Europe and the Americas affect the political, religious, economic and cultural development of these civilizations? 2. What were the political, religious, economic, and cultural transformations in Europe, Russia, and the Americas during the 15th - 18th centuries? 3. What influences did politics, religion, culture and the economy have on Russia, Europe and the Americas? 4. What factors led to economic and political changes in western Europe and its emergence as a region that would later dominate much of the world? 	
Standards	Assignment	Description
5.3.4, 5.3.5, 5.3.6	7.1	Russian Imperial Expansion
	7.2	Spanish Viceroyalties of the Americas
	7.3	Bourbon Reforms
	7.4	Portuguese Brazil
Unit 8	Global Changes and Developments (16th century -1914)	
Essential Questions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What global and regional effects did the European Renaissance and the Reformation bring about? 2. What were the defining characteristics of absolutist rule in early modern Europe? 	

	3. How did political traditions of the European Enlightenment shape the development of modern political philosophies and governments?	
Standards	Assignment	Description
6.1.4, 5,3,5, 6.1.5	8.1	Renaissance and Reformation in Europe
	8.2	Absolutist Europe
	8.3	Enlightenment Europe
	8.4	First Industrial Revolution