Home School Partners Course Guide – HST 263 (Western Civilization II)

Course Description

This course is a study of Western Civilization and world history from 1648 to the present. Students com-plete a study of the French Revolution, answering questions on a reading of approximately 10,000 words.

Required Text:

*Uprising!: Political Revolutions of the 18th, 19th, and 20th Centuries*, Tim McNeese

*World History and Cultures in Christian Perspective*, A Beka Books

*World War I: The Rest of the Story, and How It Affects You Today*, Richard Maybury

*World War II: The Rest of the Story, and How It Affects You Today*, Richard Maybury

Content (List of Principal Topics):

Unit 1: The rise of modern science, music, art, Enlightenment, French Revolution

Unit 2: Napoleon, England, birth of the United States, Industrial Revolution

Unit 3: Nineteenth-century England, British Empire, Britain’s decline

Unit 4: Unbelief in Europe, revolutionary nationalism

Unit 5: World War I

Unit 6: Communism, Russian Revolution

Unit 7: Modern liberalism, 1920s

Unit 8: Great Depression, World War II

Other Content:

World geography map studies, world history-related audio-visuals, including music, news/historical film clips and lectures, radio addresses, and photographs

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Evaluate historical sources.
2. Research world history topics and prepare to discuss them in class.
3. Demonstrate understanding of various world historical events, persons, and movements, and how they relate to Western civilization.
4. Think critically about world history and apply critical thinking to other subjects.
5. Communicate effectively orally and in writing about world history topics.
6. Choose and report on one nation’s aspects—population, government, language, education, religion, climate, and culture.
7. Work in groups to produce solutions and answers to topical questions, and communicate those ideas in writing and orally.
8. Obtain a picture of God’s working through events in world history.

**Grading scale:**

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| 90-100% | A |
| 80-89.99% | B |
| 70-79.99% | C |
| 60-69.99% | D |
| 0-59.99% | F |