

History Odyssey, Middle Ages (level three) Course Outline

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- I. The Elements of a Future
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - Germanic Migrations
 - C. "The Reign of Justinian" Research and Writing Assignment
 - D. "Monasticism" Research and Writing Assignment
 - E. Map - Europe and the Byzantine Empire
 - F. "Germanic Tribes Summary" Assignment
 - G. *Beowulf* and Writing Assignment
 - H. Map - Viking Expansion

- II. Islam and the Remaking of the Near East
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - The Spread of Islam

- III. The Arab Empires
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. "Overview of the Spread of Islam" Chart Set
 - C. "Sunni and Shi'ite" Research and Exposition

- IV. Byzantium and Its Sphere
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - Kiev Rus

- V. The Disputed Legacies of the Near East
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - Seljuk Empire
 - C. Map - Ottoman Expansion and the Safavid Empire
 - D. "Islamic Empires" Research and Writing Assignment

- VI. The Making of Europe
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - The Empire of Charlemagne
 - C. "Carolingian Renaissance Pamphlet" Project
 - D. *The Song of Roland* Synopses and Essay

- VII. India
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - The Mogul Empire
 - C. "Indian Empires Survey" Chart Set

- VIII. Imperial China
 - A. Who's Who Directory
 - B. Map - T'ang Dynasty
 - C. "Ch'an Buddhism" Exposition
 - D. Map - Song Dynasty

- E. “Monumental Landscape Painting” Oral Presentation
- F. Map - Ming Dynasty
- G. “Zheng He” Letter Writing Assignment
- H. Map - Mongol Empires
- I. *The Travels* and “Travel Diary and Scrapbook” Project

IX. Japan

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. Map - Feudal Provinces of Japan
- C. “Japanese Historical Era Travel Brochure” Project

X. Worlds Apart

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. Map - African Kingdoms
- C. Map - Central and South America
- D. “Maya, Aztec, or Inca Lesson Plan” Project

XI. Europe: The First Revolution

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. *1066: The Year of Conquest*
- C. “Claimants to the Throne of England” Chart
- D. Map - The Norman Conquest
- E. “Norman Conquest Historical Account” Project
- F. Map - Medieval Europe and the Holy Roman Empire
- G. “Holy Roman Empire Annotated Timeline”
- H. *Life in a Medieval City* and “Ethnographic Field Collection” Project

XII. New Limits, New Horizons

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. Map - The Early Crusades
- C. “A Second Crusade” Selected Reading
- D. “Early Crusades: Causes and Consequences” Research and Writing Assignment
- E. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and “Character Analysis” Project
- F. *The Inferno* and “Traveler’s Guide to the Underworld” Project and Essay Assignment
- G. Map - Spread of the Black Death and Medieval Trade Routes
- H. Map - The Hundred Years’ War
- I. “Middle Ages Newspaper” Project
- J. *The Canterbury Tales* and Essay Assignment

XIII. A New Kind of Society: Early Modern Europe

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. Map - The Rise of Moscow and Russian Expansion
- C. Map - European Exploration
- D. “European Exploration Issues” Essay Assignment
- E. “Phenomenon of the Italian Renaissance” Essay Assignment
- F. Map - Renaissance Italy
- G. “Renaissance Man Biography” Writing Assignment

H. *The Prince* and “Synopsis Chart” and Writing Assignment

XIV. Authority and Its Challengers

- A. Who’s Who Directory
- B. Map - Europe
- C. Map - Reformation and Counter-Reformation Europe
- D. “Before the Diet of Worms” and “On Suffering and Persecution” Selected Readings
- E. “Reformation and Counter-Reformation Compendium” Writing Assignment
- F. “Reformation and Counter-Reformation Issues” Writing Assignment
- G. *Hamlet* and “Elements Identification Chart” and Writing Assignment or Project
- H. “Elizabethan Era” Project
- I. *Essays* and “Personal Essay” Assignment

XV. Final Project

Note: The Roman numeral lesson titles noted above are taken from corresponding chapters in the text *The New History of the World* by J.M. Roberts.