



WHP AP® FAQ

What is the World History Project AP® (WHP AP®)?

World History Project AP (WHP AP) is a free, online College-Board-approved world-history course. Precisely aligned to the AP World History: Modern Course and Exam Description (CED), WHP AP can serve as a textbook for AP World History: Modern classrooms. WHP AP is an OER Project course, and like all OER Project online curricula, it is comprehensive, attends to both content and skills, and is available at no cost.

Featuring both teacher- and student-facing materials, WHP AP supports diverse learners and provides opportunities for all students to engage in college-level material. By the end of the course, students will be proficient in the content, historical thinking skills, and reasoning processes assessed in the AP World History: Modern exam. They will also develop thinking and analytical skills that will serve them well as they continue with their secondary and postsecondary studies.

Is WHP AP approved by College Board?

Yes! College Board has approved WHP AP course materials as a college textbook, and has approved the [WHP AP syllabus](#) as well. Teachers can submit the WHP AP syllabus to College Board during the audit process.

The OER Project team conducted a thorough assessment of WHP AP content assets to ensure that they align with the [AP World History: Modern Course and Exam Description \(CED\)](#). The CED identifies particular topics within each unit. WHP AP has either a single content asset or multiple assets to address each of these topics. As a result, each article, video, and activity in the course aligns with specific topics and themes in the CED.

Is WHP AP a comprehensive curriculum/textbook I can use in my AP World History: Modern classroom, or is it a supplemental resource?

WHP AP is approved as a complete, standalone textbook for teaching AP World History: Modern. You are free to use our materials in your classroom in whatever way you see fit.

What makes WHP AP different from other AP World History: Modern curricula?

WHP AP is one of the few free-to-use College-Board-certified AP World History courses available today, and the quality of its materials and instructional model meets or exceeds that of any existing textbook.

Developed during a two-year pilot study and informed by insights from learning scientists and existing AP World History: Modern teachers, the WHP AP curriculum includes articles, activities, videos, and assessments. Students learn better when they're engaged, and WHP AP also makes a lot of room for fun along the way.

Unique features

- Regular updates with the latest research, information, and improvements, meaning you won't have to struggle with out-of-date textbooks ever again.
- Teaching WHP AP (launching summer 2022), a complementary online PD course that walks you through the structure of the curriculum, demonstrates how skills are scaffolded, and introduces you to key materials.
- The [OER Project Online Teacher Community](#), an active hub (including a dedicated WHP AP group) where teachers swap ideas and seek support.

I'm interested in using WHP AP. Where do I start?

Once you've registered for your free OER Project account, you have access to all of our courses and materials. You can start your planning by downloading the [WHP AP Course Guide](#) and [WHP AP CED Alignment Guide](#). Next, introduce yourself to the [OER Project Online Teacher Community](#). Your fellow WHP AP teachers are waiting to welcome you and answer your questions!

We strongly suggest you take our Teaching WHP AP course (launching summer 2022), where you can begin mapping out your school year using our materials. This free, online professional development course will provide you with the guidance and support you need to start your year with us. Upon completion of the self-paced course, you'll receive a certificate for continuing education credit.

How does WHP AP assess my students' readiness for the AP World History: Modern exam?

WHP AP provides ample opportunities to assess your students' readiness for the AP exam. Resources include end-of-unit DBQ and LEQ assessments that align with the AP Course and Exam Description's recommended reasoning processes such as comparison, causation, and continuity and change over time (CCOT).

SAQ Practice activities in each unit of the course allow students to construct concise and detailed responses to prompts similar to those they'll see on the exam. In addition, each practice progression in the course has a thinking tool, which can be used to formatively assess your students' understanding of historical thinking skills and reasoning processes.

Other opportunities for formative assessment include the Themes Notebook activities, which occur twice in each unit and which assess your students' prior knowledge and demonstrate how their thinking has changed as they progress through the content for each unit.

I use a learning management system (LMS) to provide assignments and resources to students. Are your materials easily downloadable and accessible through an LMS?

They are! If you choose not to use our platform to manage your classes, our materials can be downloaded in a variety of formats, or shared directly to Google Classroom. All our courses are also compatible with Clever single sign-on.

How did you incorporate teacher feedback into the WHP AP development process?

WHP AP was the product of a two-year piloting process during which a group of 50 AP World History: Modern teachers taught the materials and provided feedback on how they could be improved to better serve classrooms. This iterative back-and-forth process resulted in a stronger, easier-to-use curriculum that our pilot teachers can be proud of contributing to.

To whom should I reach out if I have questions about WHP AP?

You can always email us at team@oerproject.com. A member of our team will be in touch right away to answer questions, solve technical hurdles, or take your comments!

OER Project Teacher Community: [The OER Project Online Teacher Community](#) is active, open, and brings together the collective wisdom and support of thousands of helpful people. Here you will find groups dedicated to specific OER Project courses, grade levels, and interests.

Live and virtual professional development: Several opportunities for live, virtual professional development are also available throughout the school year. The OER Conference for the Social Studies brings together thousands of educators, historians, experts, influencers, authors, and more to discuss education challenges and ideas for K–12. OER Project also offers several live, virtual professional development sessions aligned to the courses and curricula. These sessions help teachers get familiar with our tools and courses and get ready to use them in the classroom. All these professional-development options are freely available and accessible online and are approved for clock hours in most US states.

Coming soon—Teaching Climate Project: in 2023, additional immediate support will be available in our online professional development course for teachers *and administrators*. It is aligned with the Climate Project curriculum and includes easy-to-follow training videos, examples, and advice *from fellow educators* to get up and running quickly and continue your development on your terms.