



# CBSE Syllabus

Class XI

HISTORY



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## Course Structure

Parts/Units	Topics	Marks
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction to World History</b>	
<b>Section A</b>	<b>Early Societies</b>	<b>15</b>
Unit - 2	Introduction	
Unit - 3	From the Beginning of Time	
Unit - 4	Early Cities	
<b>Section B</b>	<b>Empires</b>	<b>20</b>
Unit - 5	Introduction	
Unit - 6	An Empire Across three Continents	
Unit - 7	Central Islamic Lands	
Unit - 8	Nomadic Empires	
<b>Section C</b>	<b>Changing Traditions</b>	<b>20</b>
Unit - 9	Introduction	
Unit - 10	Three Orders	
Unit - 11	Changing Cultural Traditions	
Unit - 12	Confrontation of Cultures	
<b>Section D</b>	<b>Paths to Modernization</b>	<b>20</b>
Unit - 13	Introduction	
Unit - 14	The Industrial Revolution	
Unit - 15	Displacing Indigenous People	
Unit - 16	Paths to Modernization	
	Map Work (Units 1 – 16)	<b>5</b>
	Project Work	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

## **Course Syllabus**

### **1. Introduction to World History**

#### **Section A: Early Societies**

##### **Unit 2: Introduction**

##### **Unit 3: From the Beginning of Time**

- Focus: Africa, Europe till 15000 BC
  - Views on the origin of human beings
  - Early societies
  - Historians' views on present-day hunting-gathering societies

##### **Unit 4: Early Cities**

- Focus: Iraq, 3rd millennium BC
  - Growth of towns
  - Nature of early urban societies
  - Historians' Debate on uses of writing

#### **Section B: Empires**

##### **Unit 5: Introduction**

##### **Unit 6: An Empire across Three Continents**

- Focus: Roman Empire, 27 B.C to A.D 600.
  - Political evolution
  - Economic expansion
  - Religion
  - Late Antiquity
  - Historians' views on the institution of Slavery

## **Unit 7: Central Islamic Lands**

- Focus: 7th to 12th centuries
  - Polity
  - Economy
  - Culture
  - Historians' viewpoints on the nature of the crusades

## **Unit 8: Nomadic Empires**

- Focus: The Mongol, 13th to 14th century
  - The nature of nomadism
  - Formation of empires
  - Conquests and relations with other states
  - Historians' views on nomadic societies and state formation

## **Section C: Changing Traditions**

### **Unit 9: Introduction**

### **Unit 10: Three Orders**

- Focus: Western Europe, 13th-16th century
  - Feudal society and economy
  - Formation of states
  - Church and Society
  - Historians' views on decline of feudalism

### **Unit 11: Changing Cultural Traditions**

- Focus on Europe, 14th to 17th century

- New ideas, and new trends in literature and arts
- Relationship with earlier ideas
- The contribution of West Asia
- Historians' viewpoints on the validity of the notion 'European Renaissance'

## **12. Unit 12: Confrontation of Cultures**

- Focus on America, 15th to 18th century
  - European voyages of exploration
  - Search for gold; enslavement, raids, extermination
  - Indigenous people and cultures - the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas
  - The history of displacements
  - Historians' viewpoints on the slave trade

## **Section D: Paths to Modernization**

### **Unit 13: Introduction**

### **Unit 14: The Industrial Revolution**

- Focus on England, 18th and 19th century
  - Innovations and technological change
  - Patterns of growth
  - Emergence of a working class
  - Historians' viewpoints, Debate on 'Was there an Industrial Revolution?'

### **Unit 15: Displacing Indigenous People**

- Focus on North America and Australia, 18th-20th century
  - European colonists in North America and Australia
  - Formation of white settler societies

- Displacement and repression of local people
- Historians' viewpoints on the impact of European settlement on indigenous population

### **Unit 16: Paths to Modernization**

- Focus on East Asia, late 19th and 20th century
  - Militarization and economic growth in Japan
  - China and the Communist alternative
  - Historians' Debate on the meaning of modernization

### **Unit 17: Map Work (on Units 1-16)**