



# West Orange High School

Social Studies Department

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## WOHS SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM



The Social Studies Department in West Orange is dedicated to working collaboratively to engage our students in authentic learning experiences that will prepare them for the worlds of work, college, and civil life. In this age of information, emphasis is placed not only on content, but on deep understanding of concepts that enable students to think critically, and to systematically make connections to real world experiences. Further, literacy strategies and skills are applied as students acquire information and communicate their learning and understanding. Thus, a social studies education in West Orange will develop learners with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities in the digital age.

## Social Studies Course Sequence

### 9th Grade

Modern  
World  
History

Honors  
Modern  
World  
History

### 10th Grade

United States  
History I

Honors  
United States  
History I

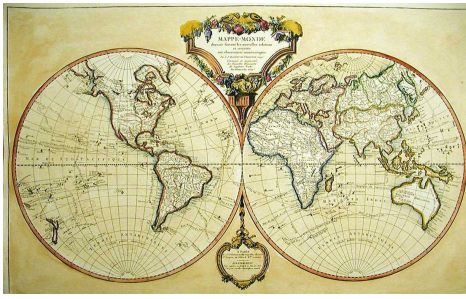
### 11th Grade

United States  
History II

Honors United  
States History  
II

AP  
United States  
History

*The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.*



# Social Studies



## Modern World History Course Content

1. Age of Revolutions
  - Age of Enlightenment, French Revolution, Industrial Revolution, Scientific Revolution
2. The World at War
  - World War I, World War II, The Holocaust, The Cold War in Europe
3. Contemporary Regional Studies: 1945- Present
  - Africa
  - Asia
  - Middle East
  - Latin America

## Advanced Placement Courses

- Advanced Placement United States History
- Advanced Placement World History
- Advanced Placement Government & Politics
- Advanced Placement Psychology

## Available Electives

Grade 9-10

- The Law: Rights and Responsibilities

Grade 11-12

- Europe in the Modern Age
- The Individual in Society
- History of Race, Class Gender and Ethnicity
- Cultural Anthropology
- Money, Markets and the Economy
- Modern American Through the Media
- Power and Politics in America
- Honors Shaping Western Thought

## Related Clubs

- Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society
- Junior Statesmen of America (JSA)
- Model United Nations
- Mock Trial Team
- Unity Club