

Course Outline: Europe, Russia, and the World We Live In

EUROPE - ROUND 1 (Weeks 1-8 - includes 2-Week Introduction)

- The Importance of Europe & Russia: The Russian Invasion of Ukraine
- Current Events: Worldwide impact of the Russia-Ukraine War
- Europe as a “cardinal culture” in the world we live in
- Anchor Facts of European History
- Key Progressions and Topics
 - Europe Today: Supranationalism and the Return of Nationalism
 - The Origin of the Europe of Nations
 - The French Revolution and the Rise of Modern Europe
 - The World Wars
 - The Rise of the European Union
- TEST FOR WEEKS 1-8

RUSSIA AND UKRAINE (Weeks 9-14)

- Russia as a cardinal culture in the world we live in
- Anchor Facts of Russian & Ukrainian History
- Key Progressions and Topics
 - Russia under Vladimir Putin: Post-communist Nationalism
 - The Combined Origin of Russian & Ukrainian Culture
 - Russia in Isolation from Western Europe
 - Westernization, Modernization, and the “Patriotic Wars”
 - Communism and the Cold War
- TEST FOR WEEKS 9-14

ANCIENT GREECE & ROME (Weeks 15-22)

- Ancient Greece as the Fount of Western Culture
- Anchor Facts of Ancient Greece
- Key Progressions and Topics
 - The Construct of “Greco-Roman Civilization”
 - Archaic Greece: Monarchy, Aristocracy and Slavery
 - The Birth of Democracy
 - The Greco-Persian Wars and Peloponnesian Wars
 - Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic Period
 - The Roman Conquest of Greece=
- Ancient Rome as a Contribute to “Greco-Roman Civilization”
- Anchor Facts of Roman History
- Key Progressions and Topics

- The Roman Republic
- The Punic Wars and the Proliferation of Slavery
- The Decline and Fall of the Republic
- The Empire and its Emperors
- Rome as the Incubator and Transmitter of Christianity
- TEST FOR WEEKS 15-22

EUROPE - ROUND 2 (Weeks 23-28)

- Higher Level Periodization of European History and Integration with World History
- Key Progressions and Topics
 - Iberia, Italy, and England Take Shape
 - The Hundred Years War
 - The Reformation and Religious Wars
 - Napoleon and the Shaping of Modern Europe
 - The Rise of the German Empire
 - Democratic Socialism
 - Supranational Technocracy
- TEST FOR WEEKS 23-28

EUROPE AND RUSSIA IN THE AMERICA-CENTRIC WORLD (Weeks 29-35)

- Higher Level Periodization of European History and Integration with World History
- Key Progressions and Topics
 - America as the World Police Power
 - American Political Separation
 - America and the World Wars
 - The Cold War: America Protects Europe from Russia
 - The Euro-Russian Entanglement Since 1991
 - The Russia-Ukraine War (2022-)
- TEST FOR WEEKS 29-35