	Content	Essential Questions	Common Core Skills Targeted	Primary Sources	Assessments/Activities
September	Intro. To History World View World Religions WH1.2, WH1.21, WH1.23	 What is World History? What influences our worldview? What is religion? What are the origins and beliefs of major world religions? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.5 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.9 	n/a	World Regions Posters
	Fall of Rome Rise of Christianity Byzantine Empire WH1.6	 What causes the decline of empires? What elements of Roman Culture continue to influence the world? How did Christianity become a major world religion? How did the Byzantine Empire influence the Mediterranean World? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 	 Justinian's Code Ammianus Marcellinus description of Huns 	 Fall of Rome Mini-Q Theodora Drama
October	Islam WH1.1, WH1.2, WH1.3, WH1.4, WH1.5,	 What are the origins of Islam? How does geography affect culture? How does trade unite people and spread ideas? What lasting contributions were made in the Golden Age of Islam? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.10 	• Qur'an	 Flipbook Alphabet Book Travel Brochure Magazine Article Spread of Islam Mini-Q
November	Early Middle Ages (Frankish Empire, Vikings, Feudalism, the Church) WH1.7	 What was the role of the church in the lives of Europeans? Why was this time called the Dark Ages? How was status in society determined? What were the major features of feudalism? How does William the Conqueror's victory change life in England? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.9 RH6-8.10 	 Domesday Book Bayeaux Tapestry Landmarks Images 	 Medieval Building Projects Charlemagne Resume 1066 Commercials
December	High Middle Ages (Crusades, Magna Carta) WH1.8, WH1.9	 What were the reasons for the Crusades and what did they accomplish? What factors led to the Magna Carta and how does it alter medieval ideas of government? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 	Magna CartaPope Urban's Speech	Crusader Journals

January	Late Middle Ages (Trade and Towns, Black Plague, War and Growth of Nations) WH1.7, WH1.11	 How does the plague lead to changes in society? How do towns and new economies develop? What factors fostered the growth of nationalism during this period? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.9 	Canterbury Tales	100 Yrs. War Timeline Joan of Arc Play
February	Renaissance WH1.29	 What factors led to the rebirth of classical culture? What new techniques were used in art during this period? What is humanism? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.5 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.10 	Machiavelli's The PrinceArtwork	Field Trip- MFAResearch Paper
March	Reformation WH1.30, WH1.31, WH1.32, Wh1.33	 How did the Renaissance create corruption in the Church? How did the printing press help the Reformation succeed? What reactionary movements were made by the Catholic church? How did the religious Reformation lead to political revolutions? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.9 RH6-8.10 	 95 Theses Woodcut propaganda images 	 Lutheran Propaganda posters Printing Press MiniQ
April - May	China WH1.23, WH1.24, WH1.4	 How do religion and philosophy affect how society is structured? What innovations did the Chinese contribute? How did the Chinese overcome geographic challenges to create a united empire? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.2 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.6 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.10 	 Confucian Analects Art and Architecture Marco Polo 	 Inventions Advertisements Zheng-He MiniQ
June	Japan WH1.25, WH1.26, WH1.27	 Compare Chinese and Japanese culture How does the idea of honor shape Japanese culture? Compare Japanese and European feudalism What are the benefits and drawbacks of an isolated civilization? 	 RH6-8.1 RH6-8.3 RH6-8.4 RH6-8.5 RH6-8.7 RH6-8.8 RH6-8.10 	Floating World Illustrations	 Haiku Origami Origami Book Samurai vs. Knights MiniQ