

# Modern World History

## Practice Standards

### 1 The student will apply critical thinking skills to address authentic civic issues. MWH.P.1

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the virtue of civil discourse to analyze and address real- world problems. MWH.P.1.1
  - A Evaluate the impact of perspectives, civil discourse, and democratic principles on addressing civic issues. MWH.P.1.1.A
  - B Engage in a range of deliberative and democratic processes to develop strategies to address authentic, real-world problems in community and out-of-school contexts. MWH.P.1.1.B
  - C Gather and evaluate information regarding complex problems, assessing individual and collective actions taken to address them. MWH.P.1.1.C
- 2 Develop practices which demonstrate an understanding that social studies involves the evaluation of evidence. MWH.P.1.2
  - A Develop, investigate, and evaluate plausible answers to essential questions that reflect enduring understandings across time, real world circumstances, and social studies disciplines. MWH.P.1.2.A
  - B Evaluate points of agreement and disagreement from reliable information and expert interpretations used to answer supporting questions related to content knowledge. MWH.P.1.2.B
  - C Reinforce critical thinking by evaluating and challenging ideas and assumptions, analyzing and explaining inconsistencies in reasoning. MWH.P.1.2.C
  - D Demonstrate understanding of content through the development of self-driven inquiries and the completion of multi-staged, authentic tasks and assessments. MWH.P.1.2.D

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**2 The student will use interdisciplinary tools to acquire, apply, and evaluate content understanding of the four strands of social studies. MWH.P.2**

- 1** Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of government, the benefits of democratic systems, and their responsibilities as citizens. **MWH.P.2.1**
  - A** Evaluate various significant documents from the United States and other nations to compare civic virtues and principles of political systems. **MWH.P.2.1.A**
  - B** Evaluate the impact of the structure and powers exercised by governmental systems on public policy, using historical and contemporary examples. **MWH.P.2.1.B**
  - C** Analyze the impact of constitutions, laws, treaties, and international agreements, by comparing how various governmental powers and responsibilities have changed over time. **MWH.P.2.1.C**
- 2** Develop skills which demonstrate an understanding of historical events and the people who shaped our history. **MWH.P.2.2**
  - A** Gather and evaluate the usefulness of various formats of evidence for specific inquiry, analyzing the broader historical context, and assessing potential bias and credibility of sources. **MWH.P.2.2.A**
  - B** Analyze complex and interacting factors that influence multiple perspectives during different historical eras and contemporary events. **MWH.P.2.2.B**
  - C** Evaluate how multiple, complex events are shaped by unique circumstances of time and place; construct and interpret parallel timelines. **MWH.P.2.2.C**
- 3** Demonstrate a mastery of geographic concepts and the use of geographic tools to understand the impact of geography on the past and present. **MWH.P.2.3**
  - A** Actively engage in asking and answering geographic questions by acquiring, organizing, and analyzing multiple sources of data and information about the world's past and present. **MWH.P.2.3.A**
  - B** Compare and analyze complex maps and mapping technologies to analyze spatial patterns of human and physical environments, explaining relationships between the environment and events, past and present. **MWH.P.2.3.B**
  - C** Evaluate the extent to which political and economic decisions have had significant impact on human and physical environments of various places and regions. **MWH.P.2.3.C**
- 4** Identify the principles of economic systems and develop an understanding of the benefits of a market system in local, national, and global settings. **MWH.P.2.4**
  - A** Evaluate economic data from charts and graphs, noting trends and making predictions. **MWH.P.2.4.A**
  - B** Construct arguments using a combination of evidence regarding solutions used by nations to address historical or contemporary economic issues. **MWH.P.2.4.B**
  - C** Evaluate the impact, both intended and unintended, of government policies on market outcomes at national and global levels, past and present. **MWH.P.2.4.C**

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**3 The student will engage in critical, active reading of primary and secondary sources related to social studies concepts.** MWH.P.3

- 1 Comprehend, evaluate, and synthesize textual sources to acquire and refine knowledge in the social studies. MWH.P.3.1
  - A Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, evaluating features such as author, date, and origin of information. MWH.P.3.1.A
  - B Analyze information from visual, oral, digital, and interactive texts (e.g., maps, charts, images, political cartoons, videos, artwork) in order to draw conclusions and defend arguments. MWH.P.3.1.B
- 2 Apply critical reading and thinking skills to interpret, evaluate, and respond to a variety of complex texts and perspectives. MWH.P.3.2
  - A Evaluate the extent to which historical or cultural perspectives affect an author's stated or implied purpose. MWH.P.3.2.A
  - B Evaluate the author's point of view, potential bias, and how authors can reach different conclusions regarding the same issue. MWH.P.3.2.B
  - C Actively listen, evaluate, and analyze a speaker's message, asking questions while engaged in collaborative discussions about social studies topics and texts. MWH.P.3.2.C

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**4 The student will develop a variety of evidence-based written products designed for multiple purposes.** MWH.P.4

- 1 Summarize and paraphrase, integrate evidence, and cite sources to create written products, research projects, and presentations for multiple purposes related to social studies content. MWH.P.4.1
    - A Compose informative essays and written products, developing a thesis, citing and incorporating evidence from multiple sources and maintaining an organized, formal structure. MWH.P.4.1.A
    - B Compose argumentative written products, including a precise claim as distinguished from opposing claims, organizing logical reasoning, and providing credible evidence to develop an argument. MWH.P.4.1.B
  - 2 Engage in authentic research to acquire, refine, and share knowledge through written presentations and products. MWH.P.4.2
    - A Develop self-generated theses or claims related to independent research and investigations using credible and relevant sources. MWH.P.4.2.A
    - B Integrate quotes and summaries of research findings into written products while avoiding plagiarism. MWH.P.4.2.B
    - C Construct presentations or products for a designated audience, using research and reasoning to enhance understanding of a topic or issue. MWH.P.4.2.C
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## Content Standards

### **1 The student will analyze the impact of the patterns of ancient political, economic, and cultural development. MWH.C.1**

- 1** Explain how geographical and environmental factors impacted settlement and cultural development. **MWH.C.1.1**
  - A** Explain different ways in which societies interact across regions (e.g., trade, exploration, colonization) resulting in cultural diffusion (e.g., the Silk Road, Trans-Saharan exchange). **MWH.C.1.1.A**
  - B** Describe the institution of slavery prior to the 15th century as a widespread result of warfare and economic practices. **MWH.C.1.1.B**
- 2** Analyze the influence of religious, political, and philosophical ideas on society. **MWH.C.1.2**
  - A** Compare the origins and spread of the world's major religions and philosophies, including Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Confucianism, and Sikhism. **MWH.C.1.2.A**
  - B** Describe ancient Mesopotamia's Code of Hammurabi as one of the earliest legal codes. **MWH.C.1.2.B**
  - C** Examine the influence of Judeo-Christian ethics and Mosaic law on early American political and legal systems, as well as modern legal systems. **MWH.C.1.2.C**
  - D** Explain ancient Athens' experience with direct democracy and identify modern political principles which developed in ancient Greece (e.g., the city-state, civic participation through voting, law-making bodies). **MWH.C.1.2.D**
  - E** Evaluate the contributions of the Roman civilization to law and government by describing the Roman Republic's development of the principle of separation of powers, the concept of civic duty, written laws, and the rule of law. **MWH.C.1.2.E**
  - F** Compare the impact of Greek and Roman philosophers, including Plato, Aristotle and Cicero including their lasting influence on ideas and principles of government. **MWH.C.1.2.F**
  - G** Describe the contributions of the Byzantine Empire, including the influence of Constantine on Christianity and the significance of the Justinian Code. **MWH.C.1.2.G**

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**2 The student will analyze patterns of social, economic, political, and cultural changes during the Late Middle Ages to the Age of Exploration. MWH.C.2**

- 1 Describe the impact of medieval English legal and constitutional practices, as established in the Magna Carta, on the rise of modern democratic principles (e.g., common law, limitation of a monarch's power, parliament, habeas corpus, and concepts related to the rule of law). MWH.C.2.1
- 2 Assess the origins and significance of the Italian Renaissance and the revival of classical learning MWH.C.2.2
  - A Examine intellectual development and advances (e.g., vernacular literature and expanded literacy, the arts, engineering, human anatomy), focusing on the selected historical figures (e.g., Machiavelli, Michelangelo, da Vinci, Raphael, Erasmus). MWH.C.2.2.A
  - B Describe how humanism furthered the values of republicanism, liberty, and individualism. MWH.C.2.2.B
- 3 Summarize the causes of and influence of the theological movements of the Reformation and how those movements subsequently transformed society. MWH.C.2.3
  - A Explain reasons for the growing discontent with the Catholic Church, including the main ideas of Martin Luther and John Calvin, and the role of William Tyndale. MWH.C.2.3.A
  - B Trace the spread of Protestantism across Europe, including Lutherans, Reformed (Calvinist), Church of England, Anabaptists, and the effects on European society (e.g., idea and practice of religious tolerance, Calvinist work ethic). MWH.C.2.3.B
  - C Explain the purposes and policies of the Catholic Counter-Reformation. MWH.C.2.3.C
  - D Describe tensions between religious and secular authorities and doctrines, including the English Reformation and the consolidation of royal power. MWH.C.2.3.D
  - E Explain new ways of disseminating information, such as Gutenberg's invention of the printing press and the translation of the Bible into the vernacular. MWH.C.2.3.E
- 4 Evaluate the legacy of the Scientific Revolution on society, focusing on major theories and discoveries. MWH.C.2.4
  - A Explain how the scientific method and new technologies, such as the telescope and microscope, led to new theories of the universe. MWH.C.2.4.A
  - B Describe the accomplishments of major figures of the Scientific Revolution (e.g., Nicolaus Copernicus, Johannes Kepler, Galileo Galilei, Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton) as well as the impact of Islamic and Hindu learning on global scholarship and scientific thought. MWH.C.2.4.B
- 5 Analyze migration, settlement patterns, and cultural diffusion caused by a competition among European nations during the Age of Exploration. MWH.C.2.5

- A** Explain the economic and religious motivations that prompted European exploratory expeditions into the Western Hemisphere and describe how these expeditions led to the expansion of the Spanish and Portuguese empires in Latin America. **MWH.C.2.5.A**
- B** Examine how the Doctrine of Discovery was used to legitimize European colonization of lands and Indigenous peoples. **MWH.C.2.5.B**
- C** Explain how the origins of modern capitalism, mercantilism, and the market economy in Europe impacted international trading patterns, prompting global exploration and rivalry. **MWH.C.2.5.C**
- D** Describe the major economic and cultural effects of the Columbian Exchange and explain how the enslavement of Indigenous peoples and Africans was used for the development of colonial economies. **MWH.C.2.5.D**
- E** Explain how overseas expansion led to the development of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. **MWH.C.2.5.E**

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**3 The student will analyze developments in politics, science, and philosophy contributing to human advancement and the rise of modern institutions of self-government. MWH.C.3**

- 1 Compare theories and forms of government regarding sources of authority and legitimacy, including the role of the citizen and the concept of individual liberty. MWH.C.3.1
  - A Distinguish between limited and unlimited forms of government by describing the growing consolidation of political power in Europe manifested in the rise of nation-states and monarchies. MWH.C.3.1.A
  - B Describe historic and contemporary examples of theocracies, based on the concept that civil affairs should be determined by religious laws and governed by religious leaders. MWH.C.3.1.B
  - C Examine the Dynastic Cycle (Chinese Mandate of Heaven) by explaining its principle that virtuous rulers are bestowed power from a heavenly mandate, yet subject to rebellion if abusive. MWH.C.3.1.C
  - D Describe the theory of Absolutism which supports the exercise of unlimited power according to an inherited divine right to rule (e.g., Louis XIV). MWH.C.3.1.D
  - E Examine rule by enlightened monarchs and how the ideas of the Enlightenment tempered Absolutism (e.g., Joseph II, Frederick the Great, Catherine the Great). MWH.C.3.1.E
  - F Analyze government's source of authority under a constitutional monarchy by explaining how and why powers are limited by a written or unwritten constitution (e.g., English Parliament). MWH.C.3.1.F
- 2 Explain England's response to Absolutism in Europe, which influenced American thoughts on self-government. MWH.C.3.2
  - A Identify the causes, essential events, and effects of the English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution. MWH.C.3.2.A
  - B Examine the development of parliamentary sovereignty, constitutional mixed government, and liberty in England, including the importance of the English Bill of Rights and how it limited the power of the monarch. MWH.C.3.2.B
  - C Describe England's fiscal, commercial, and technological innovations, including the culture of trade, England's military success in successive wars with France, and the consequent establishment of a British Empire in North America. MWH.C.3.2.C
- 3 Analyze the impact of the Enlightenment on modern government and economic institutions. MWH.C.3.3
  - A Explain how the major ideas of enlightened philosophy influenced the concepts of natural rights and consent of the governed. MWH.C.3.3.A
  - B Describe the contributions of major Enlightenment thinkers (e.g., Locke, Montesquieu, Voltaire, Rousseau), contrasting the views of Thomas Hobbes regarding the divine right theory. MWH.C.3.3.B

- C Examine the origins, meanings, and effects of John Locke’s Second Treatise of Government. **MWH.C.3.3.C**
  - D Examine the impact of Adam Smith’s theories, as presented in The Wealth of Nations, on modern economic thought and free enterprise. **MWH.C.3.3.D**
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**4 The student will analyze the political, economic, and social transformations brought about by the events of the age of revolutions. **MWH.C.4****

- 1 Analyze the complex political, social, and economic causes culminating in the French Revolution. **MWH.C.4.1**
  - A Examine the influence of Enlightenment philosophy, economic conditions, the rising influence of the middle class, and the excesses and corruption of the French monarchy on demands for reform. **MWH.C.4.1.A**
  - B Trace the significant events of the French Revolution (e.g., convening of the Estates General, Tennis Court Oath, storming of the Bastille, execution of Louis XVI, Reign of Terror) and analyze the political concepts presented in Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen. **MWH.C.4.1.B**
  - C Explain the major effects of the French Revolution (e.g., contribution to modern nationalism, political, economic, and cultural debilitation of the Catholic church) and analyze how its support for ideas of popular sovereignty and legal equality served as a model for later revolutions. **MWH.C.4.1.C**
- 2 Explain how the intellectual thoughts of the American and French Revolutions regarding self-rule inspired revolutionary movements globally, such as democratic revolutions in Haiti, Mexico, and South America. **MWH.C.4.2**
- 3 Describe the legacy of the Napoleonic Wars including an accelerated rise of nationalism across Europe, Britain’s role in maintaining a balance-of-power, and how the Congress of Vienna attempted to establish a new political order in Europe. **MWH.C.4.3**
- 4 Describe the common conditions (widespread protests and demands of working class; poverty and mass starvation) and democratic ideals (e.g., removal of monarchical power, universal suffrage, free press) contributing to the wave of revolutions of 1848, explaining how they set the stage for the emergence of modern nation-states. **MWH.C.4.4**

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**5 The student will analyze the massive social, economic, and cultural change brought about by the Industrial Revolution.** MWH.C.5

- 1 Examine the causes and characteristics of the Industrial Revolution. MWH.C.5.1
  - A Explain how the Industrial Revolution began in England due to its natural resources, entrepreneurship, labor, and access to capital. MWH.C.5.1.A
  - B Evaluate the extent to which the Second Agricultural Revolution and innovations in energy, mechanization, and transportation enabled industrialization. MWH.C.5.1.B
  - C Explain how an entrepreneurial culture led to technological innovations such as the steam engine, railroad, and the application of scientific research to industrial innovation. MWH.C.5.1.C
  - D Describe the social and economic consequences of industrialization, such as population growth, increased life expectancy, rural to urban migration, harsh living conditions for the urban poor, and growth of the middle class. MWH.C.5.1.D
- 2 Analyze responses to and the legacy of the Industrial Revolution. MWH.C.5.2
  - A Examine how the abolition of slavery within the British Empire was influenced by Christian humanitarianism and examine the role of various antislavery societies, including the work of William Wilberforce. MWH.C.5.2.A
  - B Explain the rise of trade unionism and the birth of the Labour Party, including the effects of various social and political reforms, such as Liberalism (John Stuart Mill) and modern conservatism (school of Edmund Burke). MWH.C.5.2.B
  - C Examine the concept of economic interventionism (e.g., economic protectionism, child labor laws, legislation for old age pensions, health insurance). MWH.C.5.2.C
  - D Describe the rise of socialism, including the ideas and influence of Robert Owen and Karl Marx, as well as the major ideas of Marx and Engels' The Communist Manifesto. MWH.C.5.2.D
  - E Describe the European intellectual revolution and the ideal of academic freedom, including leading figures (e.g., Marie Curie, Charles Darwin, Gregor Mendel). MWH.C.5.2.E
- 3 Evaluate the impact of industrialization on global imperialism. MWH.C.5.3
  - A Explain the economic, political, and social justifications supporting imperialist ideology and colonialism (e.g., Social Darwinism, economic gain and resources, Christian missions, strategic advantage, and Nationalism). MWH.C.5.3.A
  - B Describe the consequences of imperialism and the growth of national rivalry in Asia, Africa, and the Americas (e.g., territorial conquests and the development of settler colonies, European investments abroad and imperial reshaping of colonial economies, the exploitation of natural resources, changes in life expectancy, inhumane treatment of Indigenous populations, and the spread of Christianity in Africa and Asia). MWH.C.5.3.B

- C** Describe the outcomes of the Berlin Conference on Africa's Indigenous populations and the impact of superimposed boundaries, establishing spheres of influence. **MWH.C.5.3.C**
- D** Assess the political, economic, and cultural impact of the British Raj, Britain's subordination of India, characterized by economic, educational, and infrastructure investments, at the costs of exploitation and self-rule. **MWH.C.5.3.D**
- E** Describe important political, economic, and cultural aspects of the decay of the Qing dynasty, including growing Western influence and the Boxer Rebellion. **MWH.C.5.3.E**

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**6 The student will evaluate the global transformation created by the World Wars.** MWH.C.6

- 1 Analyze the underlying causes and significant events of World War I. MWH.C.6.1
  - A Describe the complex and multiple causes of World War I (e.g., German militarism and arms race, nationalism, industrial and colonial competition) and examine Europe’s alliances affected by the declining power of the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires. MWH.C.6.1.A
  - B Summarize the significant events of World War I and why the conflict was considered a total war (e.g., use of industrial and chemical weapons, prolonged trench warfare, expansion into a global conflict) with a focus on the war’s significant turning points (e.g., Battles of the Marne, Verdun, the Somme). MWH.C.6.1.B
- 2 Evaluate the lasting effects of World War I. MWH.C.6.2
  - A Describe the economic destruction and unprecedented loss of life, including the Armenian genocide. MWH.C.6.2.A
  - B Explain post-war political instability (e.g., collapse of the Russian, Ottoman, and Austrian Empires). MWH.C.6.2.B
  - C Examine the immediate consequences of the Treaty of Versailles, including the “war guilt” clause, the establishment of European mandates and the rise of Zionism, as well as the subsequent rise of regional nationalist movements. MWH.C.6.2.C
- 3 Analyze the causes, consequences, and impact of the Russian Revolution on global politics, social structures, human rights, and economic systems. MWH.C.6.3
  - A Describe the growing political and social unrest under Czar Nicholas II, collapse of the Romanov dynasty, the emergence of the Bolshevik movement, and the Russian Civil War. MWH.C.6.3.A
  - B Summarize the consequences of Soviet communism, including the establishment of a one-party dictatorship under Lenin, government seizure of private property, and the persecution of religious believers. MWH.C.6.3.B
  - C Describe Stalin’s rise to power and establishment of a totalitarian regime resulting in the destruction of civil society (e.g., Great Purge’s oppression of political opposition, the destruction of individual rights, use of mass terror against internal enemies, genocidal starvation of the Ukrainians known as the Holodomor). MWH.C.6.3.C
- 4 Analyze the economic, social, and political conditions that resulted in World War II. MWH.C.6.4
  - A Describe the various causes and consequences of the global economic collapse and evaluate how governments responded to the Great Depression, including English and French social welfare legislation, the growth of the mixed economy, and the welfare state. MWH.C.6.4.A
  - B Explain how violations of the Treaty of Versailles and failure of the League of Nations, including attempts at disarmament and unrealistic expectations of massive reparations, fueled a second global conflict. MWH.C.6.4.B



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**7 The student will evaluate post-World War II regional events leading to the transformations of the modern world. MWH.C.7**

- 1 Evaluate the effects of World War II including the origins and escalation of the Cold War. MWH.C.7.1**
  - A Explain the major consequences of World War II, including physical and economic destruction, the loss of life, including millions of civilians, the mass expulsion of ethnic minorities, and the devolution of colonial empires. MWH.C.7.1.A**
  - B Compare the ideological, political, and economic distinctions between the United States and Western bloc versus the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and the Eastern bloc, leading to the division of Europe, separation by an Iron Curtain, and adoption of a policy of containment. MWH.C.7.1.B**
  - C Explain how tensions escalated, fueled by the Berlin Blockade, Suez Canal Crisis, and subsequent uprisings by people in Soviet-dominated satellites (e.g., Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia). MWH.C.7.1.C**
  - D Compare military power shifts caused by the war and a proliferation of nuclear armaments, describing the impact of transnational organizations and alliances (e.g., United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Warsaw Pact) and explaining the goals of the non-alignment movement. MWH.C.7.1.D**
- 2 Evaluate ongoing regional disputes of the Middle East. MWH.C.7.2**
  - A Describe the creation of the modern State of Israel, including the rationale for its establishment, the Zionist movement, and increased migration of European Jews to the British Mandate for Palestine. MWH.C.7.2.A**
  - B Explain how the attack by Arab states on Israel in 1948 unfolded and how the United Nations' partitioning of the Palestine Mandate created refugees and contributed to ongoing growing tensions (e.g., Six Day War, Yom Kippur War). MWH.C.7.2.B**
  - C Examine the roots of the ongoing regional instability of the Middle East, including the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, the Iranian Revolution and its establishment of a theocracy, the Iran-Iraq conflict, and the invasion of Kuwait. MWH.C.7.2.C**
- 3 Assess the impact of independence movements on self-government in South Asia. MWH.C.7.3**
  - A Describe the fall of the British Raj and the emergence of an independent India and Pakistan, including the influence and ideas of Mohandas Gandhi. MWH.C.7.3.A**
  - B Describe the partitioning of India and subsequent international relations (e.g., Indo-Pakistani wars, the Non-Aligned Movement, India's secular constitution, experiences with socialism, and free-market reforms). MWH.C.7.3.B**
- 4 Analyze political and cultural transformations occurring in East and Southeast Asia during the postwar era. MWH.C.7.4**
  - A Explain how civil conflicts in Korea and French Indochina became proxy wars between superpowers over the spread of communism. MWH.C.7.4.A**



- G** Explain and describe the components of Western Europe’s postwar rise to modern prosperity (e.g., American-led free trade system, scientific, technological, and medical advances, welfare states, the economic recovery and development of Germany, and the mass rise in living standards). **MWH.C.7.6.G**
- H** Describe the establishment of the European Union and the continued strength of national loyalties. **MWH.C.7.6.H**
- 7** Analyze recent threats to global security and regional stability. **MWH.C.7.7**

  - A** Examine the religious, ethnic, and political origins and the lasting effects of ethnic conflict, modern genocide, and atrocities (e.g., Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge, Northern Ireland’s “Troubles”, Rwanda’s civil war, the Balkan’s ethnic cleansing). **MWH.C.7.7.A**
  - B** Identify conditions that have given rise to international terrorism and the risk of weapons of mass destruction, evaluating responses by governments and societies to such threats. **MWH.C.7.7.B**
  - C** Describe the challenges and impact of trade and economic interdependence on modern economies. **MWH.C.7.7.C**

- 8** Describe recent contributions affecting significant changes in contemporary societies in the fields of literature and the arts, as well as in science and technology. **MWH.C.7.8**