World History Lesson Plan

Overview

In each session we will cover one major historical period/the history of a major world superpower or religion. This will give students a taste for the timeline of world history as well as giving them an idea of which periods of history they find interesting and what they want to pursue further. It will also allow them to improve their ability to research and understand material themselves giving them more academic independence and curiosity.

Goals of the lessons

- Equip students with an understanding of history across the world
- Give students an appreciation for the wider context of history
- Flesh out cultural understanding of history and where certain aspects of current cultures arose
- Imbue students with confidence in discussing their opinions
- Develop students' ability to research and understand different forms of material

Lesson plan: Ancient Greece

- Part 1: Opening discussion led by me about how Greek history fits into the overall framework of World history
- Part 2: Give students an opportunity to discuss and present on their findings regarding their specific aspects of Greek history
- Part 3: Discuss important periods of Greek history as well as important cultural aspects such as: philosophy, art, slavery, theatre etc
- Part 4: Talk about key historical figures from across the period

Homework: Give each student a specific research task for next lesson, so in this case a specific aspect of Roman History to research and be ready to discuss in the next session.

Overall Lessons Structure

Lesson 1 = Ancient Greece

Lesson 2 = Ancient Rome

Lesson 3 = Ancient Egypt

Lesson 4 = Jesus and Christianity

Lesson 5 = Muhammad and Islam

Lesson 6 = The British Empire

Lesson 7 = The History of America

Lesson 8 = European Revolutions

Lesson 9 = The World Wars

Lesson 10 = The History of Space and Space Exploration