STUDYWALKS · COURSE SYLLABUS

Western Civilization II — High School Course with CLEP Preparation

The period from the mid-1600s to the present explains the modern state, industry and the world wars.

CREDIT LABEL	HOURS GOAL	STUDYWALKS LEARNING HOURS	SUGGESTED OFFLINE HOURS
1.0 credit	**120 h**	**27 h**	**93 h**
high school, with the study plan	the 1.0-credit convention	measured runtime plus assessment time	reading, review and writing

27 h StudyWalks (5.2 h of lessons, 14.6 h of lectures, 7.1 h of quizzes and exams) + **93 h** suggested offline study = **120 h**. 584 lessons in 19 units; prepares for the CLEP Western Civilization II exam.

High school credit is granted by the homeschool parent under the state's rules. StudyWalks supplies the record: hours, scores and this syllabus. The credit label is a suggestion; the parent makes the final call.

Course contents

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
1	**Absolutism in France: Richelieu to Louis XIV** The exam and the word · Two cardinals · The Sun King and his palace · Money, culture, and a self-inflicted wound · War, bankruptcy, and the theory · Three procedures · The unit's capstone	20	33 min
2	**Constitutionalism: The Dutch Republic and the English Revolution** A backwater with a poor crown · Charles I to the block · Republic, Protector, Restoration · 1688 and after · The other republic · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	22	33 min
3	**Prussia, Austria, and the Westernization of Russia** Prussia · Austria and the Turks · Habsburg and Spain · Russia before Peter · Peter goes west · The army and the Table · The war and after · Five procedures · The unit's capstone	24	41 min (2 parts)
4	**Trade Empires, the Great Powers, and the Society of Orders** Two theories of wealth · The Dutch model · Britain imitates, sugar pays · The slave trade · Asia, America, three more empires · The society and the powers · Two wars · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	30	46 min (2 parts)
5	**The Scientific View of the World** Before and how · The heavens · Newton · The body and the women · The institutions · The mind and the state · Three sortings · Two readings · The unit's capstone	30	47 min (2 parts)
6	**The Enlightenment and Enlightened Despotism** What it was · Where it happened · Who said what · What it did and did not attack · The despots · Poland, and the disruption · Sorting and ordering · Two readings · Reforms and a map · The unit's capstone	34	51 min (2 parts)

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
7	**The French Revolution** What and why · 1789 · The liberal revolution · The monarchy fails · The republic · The Terror · The end · Five procedures · The unit's capstone	34	50 min (2 parts)
8	**Napoleon and the Congress of Vienna** The rise · The height · The state · The wounds · The fall and the reaction · The Congress and its system · Three procedures · The unit's capstone	30	42 min (2 parts)
9	**The Industrial Revolution** Why and when · Coal, engine, cloth, conditions · The continent and the connections · The city and the cost · Class and the first answers · Home, pub, country, table · The reform movement · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	34	49 min (2 parts)
10	**Political Developments, 1815 to 1848** The old order and its doctrine · Romanticism and nationalism · Liberalism · Socialism · The contest to 1846 · Eighteen forty-eight · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	36	52 min (2 parts)
11	**Politics and Diplomacy, 1850 to 1900** The paradox and the peninsula · Italy made · Germany made · Austria's bargain · Russia · France after Sedan · Socialists and Bismarck at home · Bismarck abroad · Five procedures · The unit's capstone	40	54 min (2 parts)
12	**Economy, Culture, and Imperialism, 1850 to 1914: Society and Thought** Victorianism · Disease and the sciences · Pseudo-science and social science · Mass society · The arts · The women's movement · Anti-Semitism · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	28	42 min (2 parts)
13	**Imperialism, 1850 to 1914** Why and how · The economic push · Britain in Asia · Africa · The balance sheet · Hollowed, not conquered · The escapes and the carving · Three procedures · The unit's capstone	28	41 min (2 parts)
14	**The First World War and Its Settlement** The powers before the war · The fuse · The Western Front · The other fronts and America · Home fronts and the end · The settlement · Five procedures · The unit's capstone	36	51 min (2 parts)
15	**The Russian Revolution and Europe in the 1920s** The autocracy breaks · Two revolutions and a civil war · Lenin's retreat to Stalin's plan · Europe's twenties · Modernism · The mind · Women after the war · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	34	48 min (2 parts)
16	**The Depression, Fascism, and the Road to War** The slump and the mood · Fascism defined · Italy · Germany to the doctrine · The takeover and the state, and Spain's old order · Spain's war · The road to war · Three procedures · The unit's capstone	32	46 min (2 parts)
17	**The Second World War and the Holocaust** Blitzkrieg to the Channel · Global, then east · The turn and the end · The bargains and the ruins · The Holocaust to 1941 · Gas and the camps · Resistance, the end, and memory · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	32	46 min (2 parts)
18	**Europe Since 1945: Cold War, Decolonization, Integration** Rebuilding the West · The Cold War · The empires go · Integration · After the boom · The Cold War ends · The culture · Four procedures · The unit's capstone	36	50 min (2 parts)
19	**Capstone: The Exam, the Bands, and the Sample Questions** The exam and the sources · Twelve bands in twelve entries · Drills one to three · Drills four and five · Drills six to eight · The chain · The disclosure	24	53 min (2 parts)

Assessment and grading

- **Unit quizzes.** 19 quizzes, 10 questions each, checked as the student goes, each answer with the lesson to review. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Mid exam.** 50 questions on units 1–10, drawn fresh each time and scored at the end with a breakdown by content area. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Final exam.** 120 questions, 90 minutes, on the whole course. Scored 20–80; 50 passes (80 of 120 correct, about 67%). Retakes are unlimited with a 24-hour wait, each a fresh draw.

Suggested composite grade

Part	Weight
Unit quizzes (average of best scores)	20%
Mid exam (best score)	20%
Final exam (percent correct)	60%

Suggested letter scale

Letter	Composite
A	90–100
B	80–89
C	70–79
D	60–69
F	below 60

Suggested; the parent sets the grade. A passing final is the completion standard for the course record.

Study plan

The 93 offline hours are spread over the units in proportion to each unit's StudyWalks time. For each unit: read the matching sections of an open textbook on the subject, review the unit quiz misses, and write a one-page unit summary. Log the time as you go.

Unit	Title	StudyWalks	Offline, suggested	Unit total
1	Absolutism in France: Richelieu to Louis XIV	44 min	3 h 25 min	4 h 9 min
2	Constitutionalism: The Dutch Republic and the English Revolution	45 min	3 h 30 min	4 h 15 min
3	Prussia, Austria, and the Westernization of Russia	54 min	4 h 15 min	5 h 9 min
4	Trade Empires, the Great Powers, and the Society of Orders	1 h 2 min	4 h 50 min	5 h 52 min
5	The Scientific View of the World	1 h 3 min	4 h 55 min	5 h 58 min
6	The Enlightenment and Enlightened Despotism	1 h 9 min	5 h 25 min	6 h 34 min
7	The French Revolution	1 h 9 min	5 h 25 min	6 h 34 min
8	Napoleon and the Congress of Vienna	58 min	4 h 30 min	5 h 28 min
9	The Industrial Revolution	1 h 7 min	5 h 15 min	6 h 22 min
Lessons and lectures		**19 h 50 min**	**93 h**	**112 h 50 min**
Quizzes, mid exam and final (stated time)		**7 h 6 min**	**—**	**7 h 6 min**

Unit	Title	StudyWalks	Offline, suggested	Unit total
10	Political Developments, 1815 to 1848	1 h 11 min	5 h 35 min	6 h 46 min
11	Politics and Diplomacy, 1850 to 1900	1 h 16 min	5 h 55 min	7 h 11 min
12	Economy, Culture, and Imperialism, 1850 to 1914: Society and Thought	57 min	4 h 25 min	5 h 22 min
13	Imperialism, 1850 to 1914	56 min	4 h 20 min	5 h 16 min
14	The First World War and Its Settlement	1 h 11 min	5 h 35 min	6 h 46 min
15	The Russian Revolution and Europe in the 1920s	1 h 6 min	5 h 10 min	6 h 16 min
16	The Depression, Fascism, and the Road to War	1 h 3 min	4 h 55 min	5 h 58 min
17	The Second World War and the Holocaust	1 h 4 min	5 h	6 h 4 min
18	Europe Since 1945: Cold War, Decolonization, Integration	1 h 9 min	5 h 25 min	6 h 34 min
19	Capstone: The Exam, the Bands, and the Sample Questions	1 h 6 min	5 h 10 min	6 h 16 min
Lessons and lectures		**19 h 50 min**	**93 h**	**112 h 50 min**
Quizzes, mid exam and final (stated time)		**7 h 6 min**	**—**	**7 h 6 min**

Unit times are the unit's lecture runtime plus its lessons at the course's measured average lesson length; totals can differ from the learning hours by rounding.

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