

WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 1500

Elective for interested 9-12th graders

Classical Education High School History

Course Description: Using a classical philosophy of education and instructional practices, this yearlong online Western Civilization to 1500 course engages students in the study of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East from antiquity to AD 1500. Students will study the major peoples, historical figures, legal and moral traditions, and ideas that defined western civilization and the influential events to which they gave rise. After beginning with ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, students engage with the founding peoples of western civilization: the ancient Hebrews, Greeks, Romans, and Christians. In the Middle Ages, students study the achievements and major events of Christian civilization (Christendom) across the three continents of the Mediterranean World, the rise and spread of Islam, and the Renaissance.



Course Note: This 36-week course satisfies 1.0 elective credits for graduation.

Format: Western Civilization to 1500 will be offered by the DVHS for SY 26-27.

Study of Western Philosophical Ideas



Abundant
reading &
writing



Historical
narrative &
primary
source texts



Socratic
discussion



Learning by heart
geographic places
and historical dates



Biographies



Investigation of
the causes of
human ideas

At the end of this course, students arrive with Christopher Columbus on the shores of the New World, prepared to study modern Europe and America with a deep and sound understanding of the western ideas and deeds on which they would be founded.

Resources to include The Golden Thread: A History of the Western Tradition, Volume I: The Ancient World and Christendom.