




What is World History?



Welcome to a whole new world of
fun and excitement!! I'm being
serious here!

When does world history begin?

- ◆ At the beginnings of the universe?
- ◆ Or when humans arrive on the scene?



A little on the use of “dating”, also called “periodization”:

- ◆ Why are we living in the year 2009? Who says so?
- ◆ Does everyone say we live in 2009?



(Not this kind of dating)

This kind!

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What is the difference between 2009 AD and 2009 CE?

- ◆ Nothing, really, just a difference in terminology!
 - ◆ BCE=before common era/before Christian era
 - ◆ BC=Before Christ
 - ◆ CE=common era
 - ◆ AD=anno Domini (year of our lord)
- ◆ Who might care how we classify time?
Does it matter?

Calendar	Year	New Year's Day
Gregorian	2000 C.E. or A.D.	January 1
Islamic	1420-1421	April 6
Hebrew	5761	September 29
Chinese	4697 (year of the rabbit) 4698 (year of the dragon)	February 5

A little comparison...

- ◆ Which seems the most illogical? (no sense at all) Why?
- ◆ Which seems to make the most sense? Why?
- ◆ Do you think the world will ever live by one system? Why/why not?

Where does it take place?

- ◆ When we think about world history, where does most of the action take place?
- ◆ Why is this?



How are we going to study World History?

- ◆ Why do we take tests when we do?
- ◆ How are textbooks broken up?
- ◆ Why do we separate it like this?



It's all about TURNING POINTS!

- ◆ What is a turning point?
- ◆ An event/idea/person that sparked an abrupt and rapid change...the result yields a vast change in life for everyone!





◆ Think of 3 turning points in your own life:

1.

2.

3.

What made them turning points?

What are the top 5 world history turning points?

- ◆ With your book and accompanying sheet, take a stance on what these might be!
- ◆ Be ready to argue your points for Thursday!!

