

What is World History?







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)

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This kind!





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?

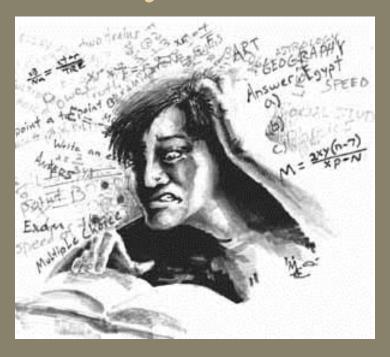






How are we going to study World History?

- ♦ 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!!