

IB History: Unit 1 Foundations

The purpose of this unit is to introduce the subject of history as a course of continued study and interpretation while also providing a basis for understanding the turn of the century world. This unit will also serve to introduce the demands of IB history.

Approximate time: 1 cycle.

While not meant to be an exhaustive list, the boxes below provide some key questions, terms and people to help in your study of this unit.

SL/HL Key Terms

Historiography
Origin
Purpose
Limitations
Value
Primary source
Secondary source
Referencing or citing
Balance of power
Liberalism
Authoritarian
Socialism
Suffrage
Left-wing
Right-wing
Capitalism
Social Darwinism
Imperialism
Nationalism
Urbanization
Marxism
Globalization / Global Village
Anarchist

SL/HL Key People

Herbert Spencer
Karl Marx
Friedrich Nietzsche
Pierre Joseph Proudhon
Otto von Bismarck
Kaiser Wilhelm II (Hohenzollern Family)
Emperor Franz Joseph (Habsburg Family)
Tsar Nicholas II (Romanov Family)
King George V (Windsor Family)
Raymond Poincare
Georges Clemenceau

SL/HL Key Questions

1. What is history?
2. How is history made?
3. What is the prescribed subject? (Paper 1)
4. What are the topics? (Paper 2)
5. What is the Internal Assessment?
6. What are some methods to take notes?
7. What will the questions for paper 1 be like?
8. What was Western society like at the turn of the century?
9. What were the strengths and weaknesses of the world powers in the early 20th century?

HL Key Terms

Manifest Destiny
Monroe Doctrine - 1823
Teller Amendment - 1898
Platt Agreement - 1901
Yellow Journalism
Big-Stick Diplomacy
Dollar Diplomacy
Moral Diplomacy
Roosevelt Corollary - 1904
Treaty of Paris - 1898
Open Door Policy - 1899
The Boxer Rebellion - 1899

HL Key People

James Monroe (1817-1825)
Grover Cleveland (1893-1897)
William McKinley (1897-1901)
Alfred Thayer Mahan
Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)
Mark Twain
Andrew Carnegie
William Jennings Bryan
Queen Liliuokalani (1891-1893)
William Randolph Hearst
Joseph Pulitzer
Emilio Aguinaldo
Henry Cabot Lodge
Samuel Gompers
William Taft (1909-1913)
Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

HL Key Questions

1. Why were the 1890s a turning point in US foreign policy?
2. Why did the Spanish-American War begin and why did the US win so easily? Did the US benefit?
3. What are the characteristics and how successful were Theodore Roosevelt's, William Taft's, and Woodrow Wilson's foreign policies?
4. How far had an American Empire been created by 1917?