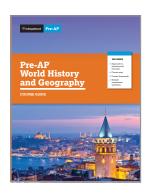




Pre-AP World History and Geography and Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies: Alignment Summary

Pre-AP courses focus deeply on a limited number of concepts and skills with the broadest relevance for high school coursework and college and career success. The course framework serves as the foundation of the course and defines these prioritized concepts and skills.

When teaching a Pre-AP course, teachers have purposeful time and space to bring their own voice and lessons into each unit to best meet the needs of their students and address the full range of state standards. This alignment summary demonstrates the deep connections between the Pre-AP World History and Geography Course Framework and the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies to support teachers and schools in their planning. Along with the corresponding standards crosswalk, teachers and schools can use this alignment summary when planning and preparing to implement Pre-AP World History and Geography.



Alignment at a Glance: Very Strong

Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies



Geography

History

Discipline Highlights



Overall, the alignment between the Pre-AP World History and Geography Course Framework and the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies is very strong.



Across both content strands of the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies, the majority of the standards are covered in part or in full by the Pre-AP course framework.



The Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies and the Pre-AP course framework share the deepest alignment within the History content strand, particularly with regards to political and social revolutions prior to the 21st century.



Very strong alignment



= Partial alignment

Alignment between the Pre-AP World History and Geography Course Framework and the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies is described as *very strong* or *partial*. A *very strong* alignment is one in which the majority of standards are fully addressed by the mapped Pre-AP Learning Objectives (LOs). A *partial* alignment is one in which the standards are partially addressed by the corresponding Pre-AP Learning Objectives. Partial alignment can occur when one framework includes greater specificity or extends beyond the scope of the other framework. Given the focused nature of the Pre-AP course framework, some partial alignments are to be expected.

Alignment at a Glance: Partial

Discipline Highlights



Colorado state standards occasionally include more granular statements that ask students to analyze specific intellectual or artistic movements that are thematically encompassed by Pre-AP Essential Knowledge topics but are not explicitly called for.



For example, SS.HS.1.3g asks students to identify specific contributions of the arts in politics and society. Pre-AP Essential Knowledge statements that cover World War would lend themselves to an exploration of the use of propaganda.



Within the Geography strand, there are several learning standards that ask students to evaluate, research, and make predictions based on geographic concepts. While this is not the approach taken by the Pre-AP course in its World Geography unit, the instructional approach of the course framework provides opportunities to develop and practice these thinking and writing skills within the course. These skill approaches can be used to tackle specific historical and analysis tasks called for in various content disciplines.

Summary

Beyond alignments to the course framework, it is also important for educators to turn to the Pre-AP Shared Principles and Pre-AP World History and Geography Areas of Focus to understand the full picture of alignment between Pre-AP World History and Geography and the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies. The shared principles and areas of focus represent the Pre-AP approach to teaching and learning, and these principles deeply address skill development and disciplinary practices that cannot be easily captured within a standards crosswalk. In summary, there are ample opportunities for teachers to address the Colorado Academic Standards: Social Studies with confidence throughout this course.



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