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Unit Components Explained

Each of our units are single authored and include a series of interrelated and diverse content. Each unit component speaks to a different topic or aspect of the time period and has been specifically chosen to reinforce the material. Each unit is comparable in focus to a chapter in a textbook but, unlike textbooks, you control which items are given to your students. All of our content is customizable and designed to live alongside your own teaching materials so you can combine content to create a unique program of study.

- **Core Essay:** 15-16 page digital essay reinforced with audio, video, animation, and primary sources (includes an adapted version edited to an 11th grade reading level).
- **Topical Essay:** 30-minute original lecture including slides, audio, author videos, and text. Also available as slide only for in-class use.
- **Problem:** Primary source or data driven problem. Includes a context building background section, video from the author, and an analytical activity (optional for grading purposes) meant to engage students.
- **Note on Document and Response:** Globalyceum will make available two new active learning features in January 2017. Document is a primary source with background and optional quiz to check for understanding. Response is a provocative question with context building background and some evidence. There is an optional brief response writing assignment or poll.
- **Composition:** A long form essay assignment building from one of our problems. Includes background historical work, writing support, and multiple drafts and outlines. Ask about our easy grader! (Starting Spring 2017, ask about customizing our basic composition platform with your writing prompt.)

Prehistory to Civilizations, Before 1200 BCE by Brian Fagan, University of California, Santa Barbara

Core Essay: Prehistory to Civilizations, Before 1200 BCE

Section 1: Beginnings

Section 2: Migration, Farming, and Settling

Section 3: Early Civilizations

Topical Essay: Pyramids, The Mountains of Re

Author Videos

Homo Erectus

How Farming and Herding Changed Human Society

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Pyramid Architecture and Technology

Pyramid Texts and What They Tell Us

The Worker Towns of the Pyramids

The Classical West, 1200 BCE-200 CE by Jonathan Roth, San Jose State University

Core Essay: The Classical West, 1200 BCE-200 CE

Section 1: The People

Section 2: The City

Section 3: Economy and Trade

Topical Essay: Spear, Sword, and Steed

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Languages

Architecture

Trade Networks

Spear and its Uses in War

Sword and its Uses in War

Steed and its Uses in War

The Late Antique East, 200-1000 CE by Nicholas Tackett, University of California, Berkeley

Core Essay: The Late Antique East, 200-1000 CE

Section 1: The State in the East

Section 2: Trade and Commerce

Section 3: Religion

Topical Essay: The Destruction of the Aristocracy in China

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Kitan and Other Sinicized Empires

Southeast Asian and Malaysia Trade

Buddhism

Emergence of the Chinese Bureaucracy

Chang'an

China After the Aristocracy

The Late Antique West, 200 CE–1000 CE by Conor Whately, University of Winnipeg

Core Essay: The Late Antique West, 200 CE-1000 CE

Section 1: Christianity

Section 2: Barbarians

Section 3: Decline or Transformation?

Topical Essay: Why the Roman East Did Not Fall

Author Videos

Classicizing Art

The End of Paganism

Being Roman in Late Antiquity

Warlike Thracians

Attila and the Huns

Sasanid Persia

Beyond Eurasia. Beginnings to 1500 CE by Brian Fagan, University of California, Santa Barbara

Core Essay: Beyond Eurasia, Beginnings to 1500 CE

Section 1: Australia

Section 2: Sub-Saharan Africa

Section 3: The Americas

Tropical Essay: The Stone Towns of Azania

Author Videos

Land Bridges and Early Seafaring

Great Zimbabwe

Chaco Canyon

Mediterranean and Islamic Links to Early Africa

Lamu, Malindi, and Sofala

Zambezi River Societies

The Crossroads of the Middle East and South Asia, 700-1500 by Alfred Andrea, University of Vermont

Core Essay: The Crossroads of the Middle East and South Asia, 700-1500

Section 1: Christian Identities

Section 2: Islamic Identities

Section 3: Hindu and Early Islamic India

Topical Essay: The Silk Road

Author Videos

Sunni vs. Shia

Mongols

Dunhuang

Merchants

Pilgrim

The Medieval West, 1000-1500 by Thomas Madden, St. Louis University

Core Essay: The Medieval West, 1000-1500

Section 1: The Age of Reform, 1000-1200

Section 2: The Rise of Towns, Trade, and Universities, 1200-1300

Section 3: Plague and Prosperity, 1300-1500

Topical Essay: The Crusades

Author Videos

Struggle Between Church and State

Venice

Prester John Legends

Muslim Reaction to the Crusades

Jewish Pogroms during the Crusades

Military Orders and Their Presence in the East

The East, 1300-1700 by Ken Hammond, New Mexico State University

Core Essay: The East, 1300-1700

Section 1: China
Section 2: Japan
Section 3: Korea and Vietnam

Topical Essay: New Visions of the City in Early Modern China

Author Videos

The Role of Silver in the Chinese Economy
Emergence of Urban Consumer Culture in the Tokugawa
Appropriation of Chinese Culture into Korea and Vietnam
Comparing Suzhou, China, and Imola, Italy
Comparing Hangzhou, China, and Venice, Italy
Ken Hammond on Guidebooks and Travelers in Early Modern China

The Middle East and South Asia, 1500-1900 by James Clark, American Institute of Iranian Studies

Core Essay: The Middle East and South Asia, 1500-1900

Section 1: The Islamic Empires
Section 2: The Challenges of the 18th Century
Section 2: The Impact of the West

Topical Essay: Iran's Encounter with Modernity: The 19th Century

Author Videos

The Turkish Culture and the Imperial Impulse
Fragmentation in Iran and India
Wahhabis and Saudis
The Great Game
Iranian Reactionaries
Ex-Patriot Influence on the Constitutional Revolution

World Wars and Decolonization, 1900-45 by Pamela Radcliff, University of California, Berkeley

Core Essay: World Wars and Decolonization, 1900-45

Section 1: War and Violence
Section 2: Early Paths to National Liberation/Decolonization
Section 3: Crisis of Meaning

Topical Essay: The Spanish Republic and Spanish Civil War

Author Videos

Mass Violence in the First Half of the Century
Models of National Liberation
Painting and Themes of the Crisis of Meaning
Why Wasn't Spanish Democracy Stable in the 1930s?
High Level of Internal Violence in the Civil War
How Was the Spanish Civil War Viewed by the Rest of the World?

The Bipolar World and Its Demise, 1945-present by Katherine A.S. Sibley, St. Joseph's University

Core Essay: The Bipolar World and Its Demise, 1945-present

Section 1: The Making of the World Order, 1945-1963
Section 2: The Demise of the Bipolar World, 1964-1989

Section 3: Culture, Ideas, and Identity without Boundaries
Topical Essay: 1960: Global Institutions in the Post-War World
Author Videos

1960: The Year of Africa
The Fall of the Berlin Wall
International Women's Movement
Diplomatic Institutions: United Nations
Economic Institutions: International Monetary Fund
Humanitarian Institutions: Universal Declaration of Rights

Globalization in the 20th and 21st Centuries by Manfred Steger, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Core Essay: Globalization in the 20th and 21st Century
Section 1: The First Wave of Globalization, 1890 to 1914
Section 2: Second Wave, 1945 to 1975
Section 3: Third Wave, 1991 to Present
Topical Essay: From the National to the Global Imaginary
Author Videos

Globetrotting in the Early 1900s
Rebellious Youths
Climate Change and Pollution
Social Imaginary
Ideologies of the National Imaginary
Emergence of Global Imaginary in Our Lives

To be added by Summer 2017:

- **The Early Far East, 1200 BCE-200 CE**
- **The Early Modern West, 1500-1750 by Paula Findlen, Stanford University**
- **Revolutions, Republics and Colonies, 1750-1900 by JP Daughton, Stanford University**
- **Empires in the Far East, 1700-1900**