

## ALL SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPALS/APS: Senior High School World History Pacing Guide Updates

**Category:****Audience:** Principals/APs (Senior High)

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**Attachment(s):** [Updates- Senior High School World History.pptx](#)

To provide an update regarding the Senior High School World History Pacing Guides.

- The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills has updated the pacing guides for the regular and honors Senior High School World History courses.
- All regular and honors senior high school World History teachers should use the new and updated pacing guides as the driving force of instruction for Senior High School World History.
- The guides are posted on the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills website, <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/>.
- The Senior High School World History Pacing Guides are based mainly on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies (NGSSS-SS).
- Changes in the pacing guides for the 2011-2012 school year reflect the need to address learning gaps for students that will occur as the District transitions fully to the NGSSS-SS. A further description of this need/gap in knowledge is as follows:
  - Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the 6th grade required World Geography course will change to 6th grade World History (which will cover from early Civilization to Middle Ages).
  - To ensure that no gaps in student knowledge exists as this transition takes place, the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills has included the study of **ancient civilizations** based on the District's Competency Based Curriculum in the pacing guide on a temporary basis.
  - The District's Competency Based Curriculum benchmarks and related topics on ancient civilizations are highlighted in green in the pacing guide.
  - Links to Unit Plans are also included in the pacing guide to assist with the instruction of ancient civilizations and are highlighted in the guide in yellow.
  - Studying ancient cultures in the Senior High School World History course must be done until school year 2015-2016. Afterwards, the Senior High School Course will utilize fully and exclusively the NGSSS-SS which cover topics from the Middle Ages to Modern Times.
  - The remaining benchmarks in the guide are based on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Senior High School World History.
  - The study of ancient civilizations should only take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
  - Pacing of instruction for the remainder of topics in the course has been adjusted and all 4 nine weeks' guides have been changed accordingly.
- Senior High School Social Studies Department Chairpersons are encouraged to use the attached Power Point Presentation during their opening of school department meetings in order to highlight the changes in the World History pacing guides.
- If you have any questions, or need additional information, please email Robert C. Brazofsky, District Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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