Homeschool bundle includes:
• Student Edition
• Reading and Note-Taking Study Guide with Concept Connector Journal
• Teacher Edition
Thank you for choosing Pearson to help you on your homeschool journey. Making the right decision about homeschooling can set your child on an exciting path to a lifetime of learning and success. Pearson makes it easy for you to inspire a joy of learning with flexible programs to fit your child’s unique learning style. This built-in flexibility lets you set the schedule and the pace that works for you and your child. As you read through this guide and review the included materials, you’ll experience how easy it is to personalize the curriculum to match your child’s learning style and ensure success with our engaging programs.

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Welcome to Pearson Homeschool!
Preparation

It is always an exciting time when you get to open the box with your new curriculum. All of the books and materials are colorful, the pages are crisp and they are filled with the possibilities of the coming year. The anticipation of using the books and teaching your child is new and fresh. Like the air after a spring shower, it is invigorating. You can’t wait until you can get started.

Open the bundle of materials, flip through the pages of each book, take in how they look and feel. Get familiar with all of the components. Let your child share in the excitement and catch the enthusiasm you have for starting this new adventure. These will be your companions over the course of the next year.

Once you get familiar with the material, you may experience the overwhelming feeling that is common to homeschool parents: “How will I ever cover all of this material?” You may be flooded with insecurities that you don’t know or remember the subject or content. All of these are normal thoughts and experiences for anyone who has homeschooled.

Remember the value of the journey you are on. Focus on the reasons you chose to homeschool in the first place, the daily interaction with your child, and teaching them how to learn. As the tutor, you as the parent don’t have to know all of the material. It’s fine to learn it with your child as you go through the material together. You are the guide for your child as you journey with them through the learning process.
Prentice Hall World History will help your child develop conceptual understanding of world history. This program is designed to explore broad world concepts of history through Essential Questions based on the Understanding by Design (UbD)* model of instruction. The UbD model features enduring understanding and transfer of learning, so the important ideas or core processes have lasting value throughout your child’s life.

This program uses scaffolded Essential Questions to introduce new concepts, stimulate conversations, and inspire your child to go beyond the facts and connect what they are learning to the larger world around them. Each lesson consists of a 3-step process, Connect, Experience, and Understand. Connect helps children make meaningful, personal connections to the content. Experience means your child will actively experience social studies through hands-on activities. Understand is to make sure your child is not just reading content, but also making sure they “get it”.

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Overview

The Prentice Hall World History homeschool bundle includes the following components:

- Student Edition
- Reading and Note-Taking Study Guide with Concept Connector Journal
- Teacher’s Edition

Using the Materials

Pearson curriculum materials are thoughtfully planned to present the subject in a way that is engaging. Each lesson builds upon itself, but provides flexibility so you can make it your own.

Using the Student Edition

The Student Edition helps connect children to World History through various helpful and interactive features and activities. Each chapter is introduced through a historical event called Witness History. Following that is the Chapter Focus Question that supports the main idea of the chapter. Next, the chapter objectives are outlined. Throughout the chapter are numerous additional features to extend the lesson and supplement the material. For example, Concept Connector Online is provided to help your child explore Essential Questions related to the particular chapter. Use the website and web codes identified throughout the text to access the online material. Section and chapter reviews are included to summarize the chapter’s main concepts.
Using the Reading and Note-Taking Study Guide with Concept Connector Journal

The Reading and Note-Taking Study Guide with Concept Connector Journal will help your child develop abilities to organize and analyze information as they work through the process of reading and note taking. The Essential Questions from the chapter sets up the journal to help your child reflect, interact and write about their experiences.

Using the Teacher’s Edition

The Teacher’s Edition is structured like the Student Edition and begins with a chapter preview that highlights the chapter’s focus and objectives. This provides you with the main idea of each chapter and helps you promote inquiry, foster deep understanding within your child, provoke lively debate, and stimulate thinking. The Teacher’s Edition also highlights ways to personalize instruction for your child and meet their individual learning style. The side margins provide you with step-by-step instruction for the lessons. It also provides questions to ask your child while reading the text and provides independent practice and monitoring opportunities. The last section of the lesson plan, Assess and Reteach, provides you with assessments to measure your child’s knowledge of the concepts and skills and provide additional help as needed.

Please note, the Teacher’s Express CD-ROM is not included as part of this bundle.

Lesson Plans

Lesson plans are important to a successful homeschool environment. They help keep you on track, progress through the material and provide a steady structure for teaching your child. It is important to plan out your lessons but remember - lesson plans are a guide. You should leave room to adapt to your child and adjust the plan to ensure he or she understands the material. The objective is to have a tool you can use to watch your child progress and master the material you present over the school year.

Before you begin your lesson plan, review the materials to see how they are structured. Use this as a guide to help you evaluate and formulate your lesson plan for the coming year. Additionally, there are a number of items to consider when preparing your plan. How many days per week will you have school? Do you plan to have extended breaks for the holidays or vacations? The number of children you have and their ages will affect how and what you can do as well.
Lesson plans in general should have certain vital components. A suggested list would include some or all of the following:

- the portion of text covered during the lesson
- key concepts
- activities to do
- assignments given
- main ideas of the lesson
- questions to ask
- potential field trip ideas
- materials and resources needed

The *Prentice Hall World History* program presents 34 chapters, with 3-5 lessons per chapter. The *Teacher’s Edition* explains the steps for presenting the material to your child. Introduce the lesson with the Witness History feature, and present the objectives and Focus Questions that will guide your child through the lesson. As your child reads the text, he or she should focus on how the material shapes the answers to the Focus Questions, and work through the *Student Journal*. At the Checkpoints, review your child’s understanding while asking them to relate their learning to the Focus Questions. Finally, at the end of the lesson, have your child complete the chapter assessments and provide additional review as necessary. Sections may be covered in one or two days depending on the pace you choose for your child’s learning style.

Each lesson plan features the following:

- **Witness History** – Introduces a passage of a historical event related to the chapter’s topic.
- **Chapter Questions** – Addresses the main idea of each chapter to promote inquiries, allow for transfer, foster deep understanding, provoke lively debate, stimulate rethinking and connect prior learning.
- **Objectives** – A list of key concepts and the main ideas of each section in the chapter, helping your child answer the Section Focus Question and master core content.
- **Independent Practice/Note Taking** – Designed to help your child identify supporting details using charts, concept webs or outlines to record the main idea of each section of the text.
- **Checkpoint** – Stopping points for you to intervene and review your child’s understanding of what has been covered
- **Assess and Reteach** – Assessments that provide brief questions and review regarding the material covered in that particular section.
- **Chapter Assessments** – In-depth questions about the chapter to assess your child’s knowledge of the concepts and skills covered.

Prior to preparing your lessons, refer to the Differentiated Instruction notes for guidance on personalizing the material to fit your child’s interests and learning style. This will ensure that the material is relevant and interesting, to keep them engaged throughout the course.

As you plan your lessons, be sure to be familiarize yourself with any legal requirements you may have in your local area or state. The Pearson Homeschool website (PearsonHomeschool.com) has links to each state Department of Education so that you may review the laws and how to comply with them.
Adapt the Curriculum

One of the great benefits of homeschooling is that you know the instruction is personal. Everything you teach will be personalized to fit your child. Prentice Hall World History program lessons are easy to pace, and offer enrichment activities and additional support when necessary.

Pacing
As you progress through the material you will find that your child grasps certain lessons with ease while needing more time and practice on other sections. Adapt your pace accordingly to ensure your child fully understands the material. Use the Checkpoints throughout the lessons to monitor your child’s progress. You can also use these stopping points to further challenge your child to expand on the lesson’s concepts. This will allow you to keep your child engaged and interested while driving success.

Teaching is Everywhere
Another part of the homeschool benefit is that teaching can occur all of the time. You can incorporate learning into everyday life. When you are outside of “school” ask your child about concepts learned in previous lessons. Tie them into life situations and world events. Plan field trips that align with the lessons, or rearrange the lessons to fit events that are coming to your town. Check your local libraries for events, or museums for exhibits, and incorporate those events into your lesson plans. Don’t forget to use your own resources to complement the material and tie the lessons into your child’s interests and hobbies.

Conflicting Materials
Lastly, any homeschool parent will be faced with the dilemma of what to do when you come across material in the curriculum you don’t like or disagree with. While no curriculum will ever be able to satisfy all the beliefs, opinions or values held by each family, there are several approaches that you can take in these situations.

One approach is to just ignore or skip over the material in question. Another suggestion would be to use this as an opportunity for a special teachable moment. Review the material with your child. Check if they can discern what you see. Discuss why you may take exception to the material, idea or value presented. Take the opportunity to share the diversity of thought/opinion in the world and the need to be discerning of principles and ideas that may challenge yours.

Use it as an opportunity to affirm the ideas, principles and values you find important, while at the same time providing an opportunity to see how to deal with differing ones and still maintain your core convictions. You can teach them much by reasonably confronting ideas that differ from yours.

There is a definite balance between having the freedom that homeschool brings, and the responsibility you assume in educating your child. The good news is that most families find that balance and it works for them.
Thank you

As you progress along the journey, you will have moments of frustration and moments that make it all worthwhile. Remember to keep it in perspective. Homeschool parents live for those moments when their children are most teachable. You will know when those moments happen as you can see the light go on, they really get it. Cherish those times and use them as the fuel to motivate you through the tough times.

Thank you for choosing Pearson as a partner in your homeschool journey. We know the importance that you place in taking the time to teach your child and we appreciate your trust in us to help you and your child achieve the best education possible.

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