

8th Grade		World History - Middle Ages to Age of Revolution	
Unit	Experience	Alabama Social Studies Standards	
Exploros 1st Nine Weeks	Effects of the Fall of Rome	Fall of the Roman Empire	8.1
		Life After Rome – Economic and Social Consequences	8.1
		The Spread of Christianity	8.1, 8.1a
		Christianity's Influence on Society and Learning	8.1a
		The Rise of Germanic Kingdoms	8.1b
		The Byzantine Empire – Foundations and Growth	8.2, 8.2c
		The Great Schism and the Orthodox Church	8.2a
		Byzantine Art, Religion, and Architecture	8.2b
		Religion and Its Influence: The Origins of Islam	8.3a
Exploros 2nd Nine Weeks	Medieval Societies	The Expansion of Muslim Rule and the Spread of Islam	8.3
		History of Early Islam	8.3b
		Muslim Contributions and the Golden Age	8.3c
		China's Influence on Asia	8.4, 8.4a
		Religion in Medieval Asia	8.4, 8.4c
		Ghengis Khan and the Mongol Empire	8.4b
		Medieval Japan: Shoguns and Samurai	8.4, 8.4d
		West and Central African Kingdoms	8.5, 8.5a, 8.5c
		East and Southern African Kingdoms	8.5a, 8.5b, 8.3c
		The Americas: Geography and Earliest Civilizations	8.6, 8.6a
		The Maya	8.6, 8.6a
		The Aztec	8.6, 8.6a
		The Inca	8.6, 8.6a
		Technology and Religion in Indigenous Societies	8.6, 8.6a, 8.6b, 8.6c
		Medieval Europe	8.7, 8.7a, 8.7c, 8.7e
		The Catholic Church and Medieval Power	8.7, 8.7b
		Political Transformations in Medieval Europe	8.7, 8.7a, 8.7d, 8.7e
		The Role of the Church and the Crusades	8.7, 8.7d, 8.8a, 8.8b
		Late Middle ages	8.7, 8.7d, 8.8, 8.8b
		Women in Medieval Europe	8.8c
Exploros 3rd Nine Weeks	Renaissance and Reformation	The Origins of the Renaissance	8.9
		The Spread of the Renaissance in Europe	8.9, 8.9b
		Humanism and Renaissance Thinkers	8.9a
		Cultural Activity of the Renaissance	8.9a
		Scientific and Technological Advancements of the Renaissance	8.9b
		The Origins of the Reformation	8.10, 8.10a, 8.10b
		Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the Rise of Protestantism	8.10b
		The Influence of the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation	8.10c
		European Exploration of the Americas	8.11, 8.11b
		Navigational Advances and European Exploration	8.11a
		First Encounters – Contact Between Europeans and Indigenous Peoples	8.11c
		Columbian Exchange: Exploration and the Environment	8.11d
		Colonization and Its Effects on Africa, the Americas, and Europe	8.12
		Spanish Colonization	8.12a
		The Transatlantic Slave Trade	8.13
Exploros 4th Nine Weeks	The Rise of Absolutism	The Middle Passage and the Life of Enslaved Africans	8.13, 8.13a
		The Foundations of Absolutism	8.14
		The Thirty Years' War and the Peace of Westphalia	8.14a
		Louis XIV and the Power of France	8.14b
		Absolutism in Russia and Prussia	8.14c
		The Ottoman Empire and European Monarchies	8.14d
		The English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution	8.15
		Hobbes vs. Locke – Political Thought and Government	8.15, 8.15a
		The Petition of Right and the English Bill of Rights	8.15, 8.15b
		Governing Policies in China and Japan	8.16
		The Rise of Militarism in Japan and the Invasion of Korea	8.16a
		Religion and Society in Japan	8.16b
		The Tokugawa Shogunate and European Monarchies	8.16c
		The Decline of Imperial China	8.16d
	Enlightenment and the Scientific Revolution	The Scientific Revolution	8.17, 8.17a
		The Enlightenment	8.18
		The Roots and Thinkers of the Enlightenment	8.18, 8.18a
		The Enlightenment and Democracy	8.18