

AP World History - History Jargon

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Below is a list of words you will encounter at some point during AP World History. I do not expect you to know all these words before the course, but I do expect you to know them by the end of the course, and each chapter/unit will add several more examples to your vocabulary. Note: these are far from all the words you may encounter this year. You'll learn far more new words/phrases in your English class that will also help you write better historical essays and understand your assigned historical readings. These are just the words that have a specific application in history.

abolition	celibacy / celibate	<i>de facto</i>	expense	homogeneous / -eity
absolutism	central / -centric	debit	explicate	hyper-
administer / -stration	century	debt	explicit	hypo-
admonish / -ment	circa (c. ca.)	decade	extravagant	hypocrisy / hypocrite
Afro-	city-state	deficit	-----	-----
after-life	citizen	deflate / -tion	facade	-icide (suicide, infanticide)
agrarian	civilization / -ized	deforestation	facilitate	identity
Amer-	chauvinism	deity / deism	faction	ideology
analyze / analysis	chivalry	delay (v. & n.)	factor	imbue
anarchism / anarchy	class struggle	democracy	famine	immutable
ancient	classical	demography	fascism / -ist	impede / -ment
<i>ante bellum</i>	clergy	demon / -ize	feminism	implement
anti-semitism	coerce	destiny	feudal / -ism	imperial / -ism
apathy	coincidence	determinism	fief / fiefdom	implicit
appease / -ment	colony, colonial	dictator / -ship	figurative	import
arable	commodity	diffuse / diffusion	filial	incarnation / -nate
archaeology	commune (communal, communism)	diplomacy / -matic	fiscal	incent / incentive
archaic	conflate	diversity / diverse	flourish	incontrovertible
architecture	conjuncture	divinity / divine	forage	indenture (v.)
-archy	conscript / -ion	doctrine / doctrinal	forestall	independence
argue / argument	consequence	document (v. & n.)	forum	indigenous
artifact	conserve / -ative	dogma / dogmatic	fortify	industry / -trial / -ism
artisan	constitution (small "c")	domestic	fortnight	infanticide
aristocrat / -cracy	conflate	draft (v. & n.)	frame of reference	infer
atheism	consumer / -ism	dualism	franchise	inflate / -tion
asceticism	contemporary	dynasty	fraternize / -zation	influx
austere / -ity	contest (v.)	eclectic	free trade	inherent
authoritarian / -ism	context	economy / economic	frontier	inherit
-----	continent	edict	frugal	innate
balance of power	contingency / -gent	edifice	fundamental / -ism	innovate / -tion
balance of trade	convention / -al	edify	fuse / fusion	institution
barbarian	converge	egalitarian	-----	insurrection
blockade	converse (v. & n.)	elite	gall	integrate
border (national)	convert (v. & n.)	emancipate / -tion	gender	integrity
boycott	corporation	empire / emperor	generalize / -ation	inter- / intra-
bourgeoisie	corollary	emporia	genocide	inverse / invert
broker (v.)	correlation	encounter	geo-	invest / -ment
bullion	cosmopolitan	enlighten	globalization	irreconcilable
bureaucracy / -cratic	coup d'état	entrepôt	government	irrigation
-----	-cracy (autocracy, democracy)	epidemic	-graphy (demography, geography)	-ism / -ist / -ize
cabinet (gov't)	craft (n. & v.)	era	guerilla	judiciary / judicial
capital / -ism	credit	ethereal	guild	juncture
capitol	currency	ethic	-----	junta
capitulate	current	ethnic / ethno-	haggle	kin / kinship
cartel	Darwinism	eunuch	hegemony	king / kingdom
caste		Euro-	helio-	-----
casualty		executive (branch)	hierarchy	laissez-faire
causation / causal			historiography	

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-lateral (uni-, bi-, multi-) lay the Left legislature / -tion legitimacy / -mate lenient liberal lingual / linguistic liquidation lithograph -logy luxury / -ious majority mal- (malnourished, malevolent) mandate (v. & n.) maneuver manifest manifesto manor / -ial manuscript maritime massacre material materiel matri- (matriarch / matrilineal) medieval mercantile / -ism merchandise merchant merit / meritocracy meso- meta- metallurgy metaphor / -ical metropole / -opolitan middle class migrate / -tion military / -ism militia millennia / -ium minister (n. a diplomat) minority missionary modern / -ity monarch / -y monastery / -astic monetary mono- monsoon mores mortal / -ity mutate mystical nation	nation-state nationalism negotiate / -tion neo- nether- neutral / -ity NGOs (non-gov't org) nobility / noble nomad / nomadic nuclear family nun	polemics political / politics poly- polygamy post- pragmatic / -tism pre- precipitate prerequisite prestige / -ous pretext priest primal primary principal principle private privation privilege proclaim / -ation profit / profiteer prohibit / -ion proletariat promulgate propaganda prosperity protectorate proto- providence province / -cial prudent push-pull factors psycho-	resurge / resurgent revenue revive / revival revolt revolution the Right rimland rival / rivalry rural Russo- ----- sacred / sacrament sanction sarcasm scholar score (n. a unit of time) secede / secession secondary sect secular segregation serf / serfdom shaman / -ism Sino- skepticism / -ical slavery Social Darwinism social democracy socialism socio-economic sovereign / -ty sponsor stagnate / stagnant state (n.) status quo strata / stratification strategy / strategic sub- submerge subordinate (v. & n.) subsidy / subsidize subsistence subvert / subversive surrender syncretic / -ism synthesis tangible tariff tele- teleology / -ogical temporary tenet terminal territory / territorial republic	terrorism text / -ual textile theo- (theology, theocracy) theory Third World tolerate / -ance topography totalitarian tract tradition traitor trust (n.) ----- uber- ultimate ultimatum unanimity / -mous unify / unity union (n.) uprising urban usurp utopia / utopian ----- venerate / venerable verbal / verbabize / verbificate ¹ vermin vernacular viceroy ----- xeno- (xenophobia, xenophobic) ----- ware the West working class world-systems theory
Units of Time				
century ²				
fortnight				
millennia / millennium				
score				

¹ Just kidding! At least you're still paying attention. ☺

² Be sure to know how a particular year corresponds to a century. (e.g. 2014 is in the 21st century, 1877 was in the 19th century)