

Habits of Mind

The AP World History course addresses **skills** called “Habits of mind” in two categories:

- (1) those addressed by any rigorous history course, and**
- (2) those addressed by the AP World History course.**

Four habits of mind are in the first category:

- Constructing and evaluating arguments: using evidence to make plausible arguments
- Using documents and other primary data: developing the skills necessary to analyze point of view and context, and to understand and interpret information
- Assessing continuity and change over time and over different world regions
- Understanding diversity of interpretations through analysis of context, point of view, and frame of reference

Five habits of mind are in the second category:

- Seeing global patterns and processes over time and space while connecting local developments to global ones
- Comparing within and among societies, including comparing societies’ reactions to global processes
- Considering human commonalities and differences
- Exploring claims of universal standards in relation to culturally diverse ideas
- Exploring the persistent relevance of world history to Contemporary developments