

Year 8 Humanities  
Learning & Assessment Overview 2021

Semester 1		Semester 2	
<b>HUM 08.01</b> <b>HIS The Medieval World</b> The medieval era was the period when the modern world began to take shape and social, economic, religious and political beliefs and practices were often challenged and significantly changed. In this unit, students will study medieval Europe, with a particular focus on the emergence and development of the feudal and manorial systems, and the nature of crime and punishment during this time. <b>Focus questions:</b> What was the significance of the feudal system in medieval Europe? How did the notions of crime and punishment reflect the values and beliefs of this era?	<b>HUM 08.02</b> <b>HIS Middle Age Warriors</b> Warriors were a necessary and important element of many societies in the Middle Ages. In this unit, students will study warriors from various Middle Age societies across Europe, Asia, the Pacific, and the Americas, conducting a comparative investigation of their characteristics, historical development and significance within these cultures. <b>Focus questions:</b> What role did warriors play in Middle Age societies? How were warriors across various Middle Age societies similar and different?	<b>HUM 08.03</b> <b>GEG Landforms and Landscapes</b> Students will investigate geomorphology through a study of landscapes and their landforms. This unit examines the processes that shape individual landforms, the values and meanings placed on landforms and landscapes by people, hazards, and management of landscapes. Students will develop an understanding of the concept of environment and explore the significance of landscapes to people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. <b>Focus questions:</b> How do environmental and human processes affect the characteristics of places and environments? How do the interconnections between places, people and environments affect the lives of people? (*Note: this unit entails a mandatory assesment-related excursion)	<b>HUM 08.04</b> <b>GEG Changing Nations</b> Students will investigate the changing human geography of countries, as revealed by shifts in population distribution. Students will explore the process of urbanisation to show how this process changes the economies and societies of low and middle-income countries. <b>Focus questions:</b> How do environmental and human processes affect the characteristics of places and environments? What are the consequences of changes to places and environments and how can these changes be managed?
<b>Unit Duration</b>	<b>Unit Duration</b>	<b>Unit Duration</b>	<b>Unit Duration</b>
Weeks 1 - 10 (10 weeks)	Weeks 11 - 20 (10 weeks)	Weeks 21 - 30 (10 weeks)	Weeks 31 - 39 (9 weeks)
<b>Assessment Task/s</b>	<b>Assessment Task</b>	<b>Assessment Task</b>	<b>Assessment Task</b>
<b>HUM 08.01.01 HIS</b> <b>Part A</b> <i>Technique:</i> Examination (Short Response Test) <i>Mode:</i> Written <i>Conditions:</i> Supervised in-class, individual, 55 minutes <b>Part B</b> <i>Technique:</i> Investigation (Historical Inquiry) <i>Mode:</i> Multimodal presentation <i>Conditions:</i> Process; class and own time	<b>HUM 08.02.01 HIS</b> <i>Technique:</i> Investigation (Historical Inquiry) <i>Mode:</i> Written (booklet) <i>Conditions:</i> Process; class and own time	<b>HUM 08.03.01 GEG</b> <b>Part A</b> <i>Technique:</i> Examination (Short Response Test) <i>Mode:</i> Written <i>Conditions:</i> Supervised, individual; 55 minutes <b>Part B</b> <i>Technique:</i> Examination (Skills Test) <i>Mode:</i> Written <i>Conditions:</i> Supervised, individual; 55 minutes	<b>HUM 08.04.01</b> <b>GEG Report</b> <i>Technique:</i> Investigation <i>Mode:</i> Written <i>Conditions:</i> Process; class and own time
<i>Issued:</i> Week 1 <i>Due:</i> Part A Week 4; Part B Week 10	<i>Issued:</i> Week 11 <i>Due:</i> Week 19	<i>Issued:</i> Week 20 <i>Due:</i> Part A Week 26; Part B Week 30	<i>Issued:</i> Week 30 <i>Due:</i> Week 39