

# JOIN US FOR OUR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 2026 World History Webinar Series Sessions

**January**



**January 20, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (1.5 CEU Hrs.)**

**Modern Conflict in the Middle East**

**Presenters: Katie Cunningham and Tom Daugherty**

This session will examine the current conflict between Israel and Hamas, while also helping to widen the lens through which the conflict is viewed. It will also provide some historical context for the conflict.

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**February**



**February 17, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (1.5 CEU Hrs.)**

**Empires, Decolonization, and Nationalism  
 in the Middle East**

**Presenter: Dr. Cemil Aydin, UNC Chapel Hill**

This session will provide an overview of the basic outlines of 20th-century history, focusing on decolonization and the post-colonial world of the Middle East. The session will also look at comparing some of the trends of the Middle East to those of the rest of Asia and Africa.

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**March**



**March 24, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (1.5 CEU Hrs.)**

**Same Goal, Different Paths: Independence in the  
 Americas**

**Presenter: Michelle McLaughlin**

This session will examine reasons why independence unfolded differently in South America compared to the U.S. This webinar will be highly interactive, engaging participants in analyzing primary sources, collaborative discussions, and hands-on inquiry-based strategies designed for middle and high school world history classrooms.

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**April**



**April 14, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (1.5 CEU Hrs.)**

**War in Sudan: Historical Contexts and Resources**

**Presenter: Michael Overton, Georgetown University**

Since April 2023, Sudan has been embroiled in a war between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces. Since this conflict is rooted in a complex history of colonization, this webinar will first take participants through Sudanese history. Then, participants will engage with Sudanese cultural and educational materials, as well as explore and brainstorm activities that center Sudanese voices.

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**May**



**May 5, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (1.5 CEU Hrs.)**

**Spice Islands in the Age of Exploration**

**Presenter: Dr. Kevin Fogg, UNC Chapel Hill**

The Spice Islands of eastern Indonesia, today called Maluku, were an incredibly important location in world history in the fifteenth through seventeenth centuries, as European countries launched a global search for the commodities that came from this region and sparked the so-called "age of exploration" and the beginning of maritime empires. This webinar will explore the dawn of maritime colonialism and the economic forces that drove the rush for new commodities and their acquisition.

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