S.P.I.C.E. CHART

SOCIAL – Development & transformation of social structures	
 Family/Kinship Racial/Ethnic factors Lifestyles Gender Roles/Relationships Social & Economic Classes Entertainment 	
POLITICAL – State building	
 Leaders/Groups Revolts/Revolutions Nationalism/Nations Political Structures Courts/Laws Empires State Building & Expansion 	
INTERACTIONS -	
between humans & the environment • War & Conflict • Diplomacy/Treaties • Alliances • Disease • Major Cities • Settlement Patterns • Demography • Urbanization • Migrations/Movements • Exchanges between individuals, groups, empires, and nations • Humans/Environment • Trade/Commerce	
CULTURAL – development & interaction of cultures	
 Religions, Belief Systems, Teachings, Philosophy Holy Books Key figures & Deities Education, Technology Transportation Innovations Writing & Literature 	
ECONOMY – creation, expansion and interaction of economic systems	
 Agricultural/Pastoral Systems Economic Systems Labor & Organization Systems Industrialization Technology & Industry Capital & Money Business Organizations 	

AP World History is a complex course that requires students to view history not only chronologically but also thematically. S.P.I.C.E. charts offer students a comprehensive way to find overarching themes, and unify threads of history that are sometimes difficult to connect. The following descriptions of SPICE topics, and sub-topics will guide students this process.

S.P.I.C.E. Themes	Sub-Topics (where to focus)
S – Social: development & transformation of social structures	Gender roles, relationships, family, kinship, racial & ethnic constructions, social & economic classes
P – Political: state building, expansion/conflict	Political structures, forms of government/governance, empires, nations, nationalism, wars, revolts, revolutions, global structures/organizations, regional & trans-regional
I – Interaction: relationship between humans & the environment	Demography, disease, migrations/movements, patterns of settlement, technology
C – Culture: development & interaction of cultures	Religions, belief systems, philosophies & ideologies, science & technology, arts & architecture
E – Economic: creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems	Agricultural & pastoral groups/production, trade & commerce, labor systems, industrialization, capitalism & socialism

How to "SPICE": below is a more in-depth description of some ideas or questions you should be looking to answer.

An effective method for recalling historical information is to categorize important facts and events into particular themes. The SPICE charts will help you complete your chapter overviews and provide a key studying tool for the final exam in May. As you take notes within the chart try to come up with 3 facts for each of the subtopics, this is not always easy so try your best.

Social - development and transformation of social structures, how societies formed and/or separated

- What are the roles of men and women in the society? How did they interact with each other?
- What role did the family have within society? Did family linage have importance?
- How did race influence society? Was it positive or negative?
- How were social classes divided? How did economics affect class or society? Are there inequalities?

Political – state building, expansion and conflict, power, and governments or lack there of

- What type of governments existed? How did empires rule?
- How did nationalism influence society? What role did revolts, revolutions or war play?
- What global structures or institutions existed? What was influence of these entities?

Interactive – humans and how they adapted to or changed their environments

- What were the people like in this society? How did diseases influence interactions?
- How did people move in or out of this society? Are there noticeable patterns? Did migration influence people?
- What is the geographical landscape like and how does it affect the people?
- What role did technology have on people? Did it hinder or help people's ability to live?

Cultural – development and interactions of cultures

- Are there organized religions within this society? What role did they play in the development or decline in society?
- What belief systems exist? Do these beliefs represent the people or the elite? Was education valued or available?
- What is the impact of technology? How do humans express themselves thru art & architecture)?

Economic - creation, expansion and interaction of economic systems, gains and losses

- What role did agriculture play? What did they trade? Who were their trading partners? How did people earn food?
- What was valued, products or money? How did technology impact economies?
- What jobs were available? Were people organized into labor systems?