

Understand: Student Journal

Introduction

This guide explains how the Student Journal in myWorld History helps students connect, experience, and understand their world. It looks at the activities found in the Student Journal by exploring the use of the Essential Question Preview, Connect to myStory, Word Wise, Take Notes, and the Essential Question Writer’s Workshop. Finally, this guide explores the Online Student Journal on myworldhistory.com.

Examples in this guide are from the Survey Student Journal but can be applied to any version.

Purpose

The Student Journal helps students reflect and write about their experiences in myWorld History. They use the Student Journal to document their travel through the program as they search for evidence to the Essential Questions. The Student Journal provides previewing exercises for each chapter using an Essential Question to introduce students to the chapter content. It also provides chapter support, graphic organizers, and a two-page Writer’s Workshop to help students demonstrate understanding.

Essential Question Preview

The Essential Question Preview prepares students to connect to the Essential Question. It also helps students understand the content they study in the chapter by connecting their everyday life with the Essential Question.

Connect to Your Life

Students begin the Essential Question Preview with Connect to Your Life. Connect to Your Life helps students find ways to relate the issues and principles of the Essential Questions in all aspects of their life—family, school, or community. In this example, students complete the table by thinking of ways in which technology affects their lives. Then, they name the technology and decide whether the effect is positive or negative. This activity helps students make a connection to their lives and allows them to build a mental map of the information they are studying in the program.

Connect to Your Life

① Think of ways in which technology affects your life. Name the technology and then decide whether the effect is positive or negative.

Ways Technology Affects My Life		
Technology	Its Effect	Positive or Negative?

② Look at the table. Compare the effects of technology on your life. Are they always positive? Explain.

Connect to the Chapter

Connect to the Chapter, the next section of the Essential Question Preview, invites students to look through the chapter to predict how the Essential Question relates to the history of our world. In one example, students think about the consequences of technology. Next, they preview the chapter by skimming the chapter’s headings, photographs, and graphics. Then, students complete the table by identifying one Chinese technological advance in each of the listed categories. Finally, students predict how that technology played a role in the development of China.

Connect to the Chapter

3 Preview the chapter by skimming the chapter’s headings, photographs, and graphics. Look for references to technology. Use the information to identify one Chinese technological advance for each category. Then predict how that technology played a role in China’s development.

	Technology	Prediction
Education		
Agriculture		
Navigation		
Military		

4 Read the chapter. Then review the predictions you listed in the chart. Which ones were incorrect? Explain why.

Connect to myStory

The Connect to myStory in the Student Journal provides an opportunity for students to make connections from the myStory Video and the story in the student edition to their world. For example, students are asked to write about what it would have been like to be with Marco Polo in Kublai Khan’s court. Next, they’re asked to identify three technologies that impressed Marco Polo in Kublai Khan’s court. Then, students make additional predictions that relate to the myStory.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Connect to myStory: Kublai Khan: How to Make an Impression

1 Marco Polo saw many remarkable things at Kublai Khan’s court. If you had been there with Marco Polo, what would have impressed you the most? Explain.

2 Which three technologies impressed Marco Polo at Kublai Khan’s court?

Technology: _____

Technology: _____

Technology: _____

3 How do you think the use of paper money affected China? What did it replace as a means of exchange? What did it do for trade? Write at least two predictions.

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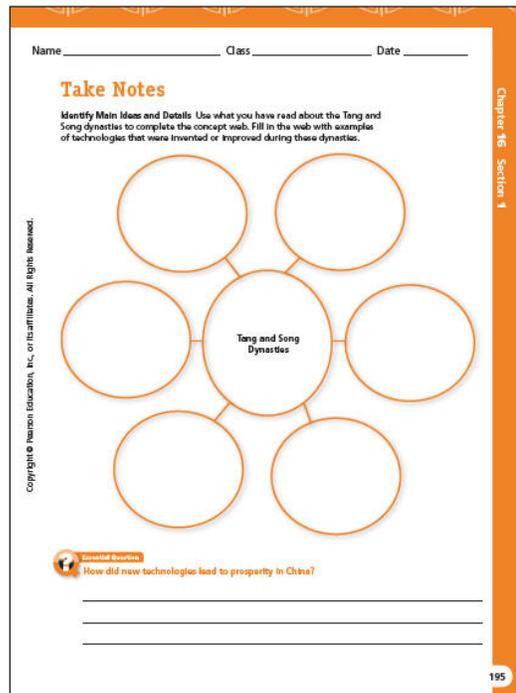


Word Wise

A Word Wise activity corresponds to each of the three sections in a chapter of the student edition. A Word Wise activity also accompanies each lesson in the Core Concepts Handbook. These activities give students the opportunity to get to know and explore the key terms in the program through word maps, crossword puzzles, and other games.

Take Notes

Take Notes activities correspond to each section in a chapter of the student edition. Students also apply concepts and create a detailed visual study guides by completing illustrated graphic organizers. Each section level Take Notes exercise helps students draw conclusions about the Essential Question.

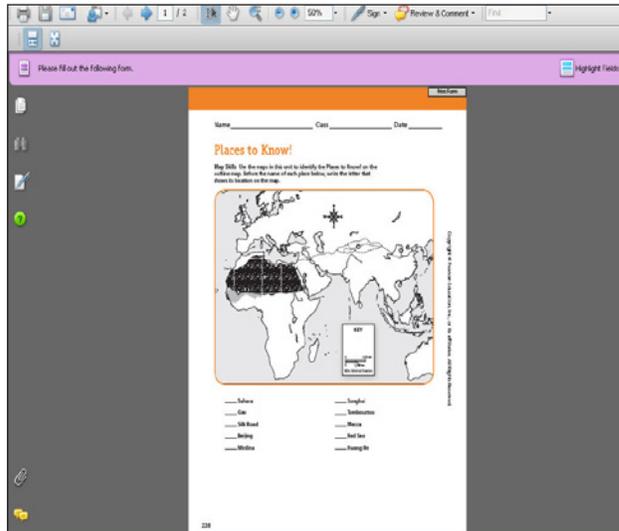


Essential Question Writer's Workshop

The Essential Question Writer's Workshop provides assessment of students' long-term understanding and writing skills. Students demonstrate their understanding of the chapter content by writing about the Essential Question. Each workshop provides students with writing instruction, information on a specific Workshop Skill, and practice. At the conclusion of the exercises, students apply their knowledge to draft their own writing activity about the Essential Question. In the workshops, students are taught skills such as how to write body paragraphs and how to revise an essay.

Online Student Journal

On myworldhistory.com, students will have access to both an English and Spanish version of the Online Student Journal. The Student Journal is represented with an orange textbook icon. The Online Student Journal link icon indicates that the resource is available directly on myworldhistory.com and can be downloaded as a PDF for student use.



Teachers can assign a whole chapter or an individual section of the Student Journal.

Review

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