World History: Age of Empires will focus on the Post-Classical Era of world history from c. 600 C.E. to c.1450. This era is characterized by invasions from Central Asia, the development of the great world religions (Christianity, Islam and Buddhism), and of networks of trade and military contact between civilizations. This course will examine regional and interregional interactions among the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Students will understand and apply knowledge of historical thinking, chronology, eras, turning points, major ideas, individuals and themes in the world history in order to evaluate how history shapes the present and future by applying reasoning skills to conduct research, deliberate, form and evaluate positions through the processes of reading, writing, and communicating.