

History Course Outline

1. Introduction to History

Meaning of history

Sources of history

Importance of studying history

Historical methods

2. Early Man

Origin of man

Stages of human development

Tools and discoveries of early man

Early civilization

3. Pre-Colonial Societies in Nigeria

Hausa/Fulani political system

Yoruba political system

Igbo political system

Economic and social organization

4. Traditional Institutions in Nigeria

Meaning of traditional institutions

Roles of traditional rulers

Importance of traditional institutions

5. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Origin of slave trade

Causes of slave trade

Effects of slave trade on Africa

Abolition of slave trade

6. European Activities in Africa

Exploration

Missionary activities

Trade relations

Imperialism

7. Colonial Rule in Nigeria

Meaning of colonialism

British conquest of Nigeria

Indirect rule system

Colonial administration

Effects of colonialism

8. Nationalism in Nigeria

Meaning of nationalism

Factors that promoted nationalism

Nationalist movements

Nigerian nationalists and their contributions

9. Constitutional Development in Nigeria

Clifford Constitution (1922)

Richards Constitution (1946)

Macpherson Constitution (1951)

Lyttleton Constitution (1954)

Independence Constitution (1960)

Republican Constitution (1963)

10. Nigerian Independence

Events leading to independence

Political parties before independence

Attainment of independence in 1960

11. Military Rule in Nigeria

Military coups in Nigeria

Civil war

Effects of military rule

Return to civilian rule

12. Nigerian Civil War

Causes of the civil war

Major events during the war

Effects of the war

Post-war reconciliation

13. Nigeria Since Independence

Political developments

Economic development

Social challenges

Democratic governance

14. History of West Africa

Ancient West African empires

Ghana Empire

Mali Empire

Songhai Empire

Trade and culture in West Africa

15. African Nationalism and Independence

Colonial rule in Africa

African nationalist movements

Independence movements in Africa

Pan-Africanism

16. World Wars

Causes of the World War I

Effects of World War I

Causes of the World War II

Effects of World War II

17. International Organizations

United Nations

African Union

ECOWAS

Functions and achievements of international organizations

18. Nigerian Heroes and Nationalists

Nnamdi Azikiwe

Obafemi Awolowo

Ahmadu Bello

Herbert Macaulay

Contributions of Nigerian nationalists

19. Culture and Civilization

Meaning of culture

African traditional religion

Arts and crafts

Festivals and cultural heritage

20. Contemporary African and Global Issues

Neo-colonialism

Globalization

Democracy in Africa

Peace and conflict in Africa