AP World & US History “Historical Thinking Skills”

**Skills or Performance Standards to practice in every unit**

1. Cause/effect: multiple causes and effects, correlation of different causes and effects
2. Continuity and change over time: analyze patterns in history and how they change
3. Periodization: understanding that historical periods exist and have characteristics
4. Compare/contrast: events, people and patterns in history
5. Evaluate different perspectives: analyze point of view, “winners write history”
6. Contextualization: how does an event relate to the era it is in & part to whole analysis
7. Map literacy: Know macro and micro “geospatial awareness” (technically not a HTS but in the AP guide as a separate entity that learners need to be able to do)
8. Argumentation: read to analyze evidence/arguments & write arguments with evidence
9. Analyze evidence: understand bias, perspective and relevance of evidence; primary vs. secondary sources
10. Synthesize information: practice 2-7 and use those skills to perform 7 & 8.