

1. The first part of the book is devoted to a general introduction to the subject of the history of the world, and to a description of the various methods which have been employed by historians in the collection and arrangement of their materials.

II. THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

The history of the world is divided into three periods, the ancient, the middle, and the modern. The ancient history of the world is that which is contained in the period from the beginning of the world to the fall of the Roman Empire. The middle history of the world is that which is contained in the period from the fall of the Roman Empire to the discovery of America. The modern history of the world is that which is contained in the period from the discovery of America to the present time.

III. THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is divided into three periods, the colonial, the revolutionary, and the federal. The colonial history of the United States is that which is contained in the period from the first settlement of the continent to the declaration of independence. The revolutionary history of the United States is that which is contained in the period from the declaration of independence to the adoption of the Constitution. The federal history of the United States is that which is contained in the period from the adoption of the Constitution to the present time.