



World History Syllabus

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Course Overview

World History examines human development from the dawn of civilization to the present day. Students will learn about the socioeconomic conditions, political institutions, and ideological attitudes that have marked various time periods throughout history.

Course Materials

Required Materials.

- Pencil or pen, paper, and **your school issued laptop**.
 - Most assignments will be submitted electronically in Schoology. Some assignments will require work to be done on paper, and then a screenshot uploaded to Schoology.

Required Text

Physical copies of the textbook will be available in class. If you need to check one out, you must complete the request form at this [link](#).

Course Outline

Unit	Topic	Grading Period
Unit 1	Beginnings of Civilization	1
Unit 2	Classical Civilizations	1
Unit 3	Post-Classical Era (Asia, Africa)	1-2
Unit 4	Post Classical Era (Medieval Europe)	2
Unit 5	The First Global Age	2-3
Unit 6	Absolutism to Revolution	3
Unit 7	Industrialization & the New Global Age	3
Unit 8	World Wars & Revolutions	3-4

Unit	Topic	Grading Period
Unit 9	Cold War & Decolonization	4
Unit 10	The World Today	4

Grading

Daily Grades 50% (Daily work & activities, warm-ups, discussion boards, study guides, quizzes, video responses, etc...)

Major Grades 50% (Exams, Projects, Essays)

Late Work

1. Assignments will have a due date, and a lock date.
 - a. Students will be allowed **one day per absence** for any missing assignments without incurring a deduction. After that, the **deduction will be 10 points per day late, until day 5. After 5 days, the assignment will be locked in as a zero.**
 - b. The lock date will generally be set 5 days after the due date. Once the lock date has passed, the assignment will be unpublished in Schoology and a zero will be assigned. The zero cannot be replaced or amended at that point.
 - c. An exception will be made if the “one day per absence” rule exceeds the lock date. (In other words, if you are absent for an extended amount of days consecutively and the lock date passes). Please contact me if you have missed several days consecutively and we can work out a plan.
 - d. **IF YOU ARE PRESENT IN CLASS AND DO NOT ATTEMPT AN ASSIGNMENT OR EXAM, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE IT UP.**

Re-Tests

1. A student qualifies for a re-test if they make less than a 70.
 - a. A re-teach will be offered prior to a re-test. The re-teach will take place (by appointment) during my tutorial time on Thursdays between 7:00 am- 7:30 am.
 - b. The re-test will be accessible via Schoology during a set window of time only. After the window has passed, the opportunity for a re-test will be forfeited.
 - c. The maximum a student can make on a re-test is a 75.
 - d. **IF YOU ARE PRESENT IN CLASS AND DO NOT ATTEMPT AN EXAM, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE IT UP.**

Procedures & Expectations

1. Phones

- a. Phones are prohibited in class. As you enter the room, you will turn your phone off and place it in the “phone holder” on my desk, where it will not be touched until the bell rings at the end of the period. If you are seen with a phone in class, it will be confiscated. Failure to turn your phone over will result in a disciplinary referral for insubordination and/or disrupting the educational environment.
 - i. Offense
 1. Phone confiscation. The phone will be returned at the end of class.

2. Phone confiscation. The phone will be returned at the end of class, parent contact will be made, and morning detention will be assigned.
3. Phone confiscation. The phone will be delivered to administration and a disciplinary referral will be written.

2. Music

- a. Earbuds are prohibited in my classroom unless I have given permission specifically for an assignment. Earbuds will be treated the same as phones except that you will not put them in the phone holder at the beginning of class. Just keep them in your pocket or leave them at home.

3. Cheating

- a. Will result in a zero on the assignment or exam with no make-up, and a parent notification. In cases where a zero is given, a discipline referral will also be issued.

4. Tutorials

- a. Thursdays 6:50-7:30 am by appointment only.
- b. Will be using these for any "re-teaches."
- c. We can also use this time for any help that you need with Schoology, or to ask questions in general about the course.
- d. Tutorials are not for making up classwork that you chose not to work on during class.

5. Rules

a. Be Respectful

- i. To your teacher
- ii. To your classmates
- iii. Don't be disruptive to the learning environment.
- iv. Put your textbook back when you are finished with it.
- v. Clean up after yourself. Food and water will be allowed until I see trash or a mess that was not cleaned up. If that happens, every class will lose the privilege for the year. There will be no second chances.

b. Be Responsible

- i. Get to class on time.
- ii. Bring needed supplies every day. (A charged laptop, paper, and a pen)
- iii. Remember where you are. Keep your language and behaviors appropriate.
- iv. Stay focused on the task at hand.
- v. Follow the student handbook at all times.