

World History Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

World history is an interactive course for sophomores where the students will explore important world events from the Renaissance to World War I. The course is eighteen weeks in length and will consist of five units of study, Internet and library research, unit projects, a culminating map exam and a mid-term and comprehensive final exam. (If time permits, a more extensive study of major events in the twentieth century will be studied.) Students will focus on the social studies areas of economics, government and culture within the context of world history. Students will also view history through a geographic perspective.

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- Units of Study:**
1. Renaissance/Reformation
 2. Age of Discovery and Absolutism
 3. Age of Revolution
 4. Nationalism/Imperialism
 5. WWI and Revolution

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Students will be able to understand the role of economics, government, geography and culture upon major historical periods and events; furthermore, students will be able to analyze how the time periods studied impact today's world.

EXIT EXPECTATIONS: Students in this course must meet the following expectations in order to receive credit for this course.

1. **ACHIEVE A MINIMUM CLASS AVERAGE OF SIXTY PERCENT**
2. **MUST BE ABLE TO CORRECTLY LOCATE COUNTRIES ON A WORLD MAP WITH A MINIMUM OF EIGHTY PERCENT ACCURACY**

NOTE: FAILURE TO MEET ANY OF THESE EXPECTATIONS WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE

GRADING SCALE:

The school's grading scale will be followed:

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| 92-100 | A |
| 81-92 | B |
| 70-80 | C |
| 60-69 | D |
| 59 and below | F |

Students will be scored on a variety of assignments and assessments ranging from map quizzes, written responses, daily quizzes, special projects, and objective exams. Each nine weeks grade will be based on the following percentages:

Exams: 40%

Homework/Daily Work: 20%

Map Quizzes: 20% (There will usually be at least one map quiz per week. The map quizzes will occur mostly on Fridays.)

Quizzes: 20% (There will be at least ten unannounced quizzes each nine weeks. Expect at least one per week. If you miss one, it cannot be made up. Your average will come from your top seven grades; therefore, you will be able to drop at least three scores.)

Semester Grade:

Your semester grade will consist of the following: 3rd nine weeks grade: 40% 4th nine weeks grade: 40% Final Exam: 20%

Make-up Work and Exams:

Only students who have an excused absence may make up missed work or exams. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher about missed assignments!!!! **The student may see the instructor before school, between classes, during break, or after school to get their make-up work.** No work will be given during the regular class period as this interrupts the other students and the student in question from participating in the day's activity. Students will have five days to turn in missed work; however, an exam must be made-up the day the student returns. If a student does not make up homework or complete a missed exam by the time indicated, he/she will receive a zero (0).

TARDIES:

You must be in your seat before the bell rings; otherwise, the procedures in the student handbook will be followed.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

It is expected that students will always come to class prepared with a pencil or pen. Each student is required to keep a very **organized notebook**. This notebook should be a **3-ring binder**; furthermore, it should be used for this class only. This binder should be brought to class daily. Notebooks will be essential to students in preparing for objective exams and class assignments.

Class Expectations:

1. **Don't** talk while the teacher is talking.
2. **Don't** talk while your fellow students are talking.
3. **Always** raise your hand before you get on the floor (sharpening pencil, etc.).

General Rules:

1. No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.
2. No late work of any kind will be accepted. All work must be turned in on the due date.
3. **Bathroom Policy:** All students will receive two free restroom breaks per nine weeks. Each student must sign out on the designated sheet and do so in such a way that will not disturb the class. If a student goes over the specified limit, he/she must stay in at break. This may sound harsh, but a student cannot learn if he or she is not in the classroom. Use your bathroom passes wisely.
4. Do not ask to leave the classroom for any reason, except for a bathroom pass. Again, a student cannot learn if he or she is not in the classroom.