

AP World History
Course Syllabus
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BASIC COURSE RULES & PROCEDURES

Appropriate classroom behavior is expected and required, including

- Showing respect for your classmates, your teacher (or substitute), yourself, and the classroom
- Observing all school wide rules → including dress code, no phones, no iPods/MP3s/other electronics (unless allowed by me), no food/drink in class, no hats in school, etc.
- Punctuality
- Coming to class with the appropriate materials and adequate sleep
- Paying attention to the business of the day
- Talking only when appropriate
- Using appropriate language in the classroom
- Staying quiet during announcements
- Waiting to be dismissed from class by the teacher, *not* the bell

Required Student Materials – *Students are expected and required to bring the following items with them to class every day:*

- Writing utensil
- Paper/notebook
- Colored pencils
- 3-ring binder with 5 dividers specifically for AP World History – this will be checked regularly
- Adequate sleep and a good attitude

Course Textbook: Glencoe; World History; Spielvogel; National Geographic.

Homework Policy

- **LATE WORK:** Students will be able to turn in late work throughout the course of the semester; however, 10 points will be deducted for every day that the assignment is late for up to a maximum of 50% off. All late work must be turned in within **TWO WEEKS** of when it was assigned, unless extenuating circumstances are present.
- **ABSENT WORK:** Students who are absent the day of an assignment will be given one day for each day that they are absent to turn in the assignment without any deduction. *Example:* If an assignment was given on the 25th and they were absent on the 25th and 26th, then they have until the 28th to turn in the assignment on time. Students who were absent the day an assignment was due will be required to turn the assignment in on the day that they return to class.
- **MAKE-UP TESTS:** All make-up tests are expected to be made up during class or after school. Make-up tests must be completed within **one week** from when the original test was given, unless extenuating circumstances are present.
- All homework must be fully completed in order for the student to receive credit for the assignment.

GRADING POLICIES

Point Grading System

There is no class curve. Each assignment or assessment has a point value, and your grade is determined by the percentage of the total available points that you earn throughout the semester.

Breakdown of Semester Grade:

Tests/Projects/Essays = 40% / 40% = 80%

Homework/Quizzes = 10% / 10% = 20%

Final Exam = 15%

Overall course grades will be awarded as follows:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	73-79%
D	70-72%
F	69 and below

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Students will have the opportunity to receive additional instructional support after school. My tutoring hours will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Please make individual arrangements to meet with me outside of these hours if necessary.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The World History course emphasizes the political, cultural, economic and social development and growth of civilizations. It covers the development of change beginning with ancient civilizations, the emergence of nations through trade/communications, intellectual development, scientific/technological development, the emergence of nation states, nations in conflict and the emerging interdependence of nations in the twentieth century. Topics include ancient history, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the modern period with an emphasis on cultures worldwide. Students will analyze, research, and explore these topics in order to prepare for the World History portion of the FINAL EXAM.

All students should make sure that they read each chapter and complete all appropriate work. Along with reading assignments, students should expect guided reading assignments, note taking, various projects, map work, timelines, and work related to classroom discussions. A study guide for each test will be given in advance and is due the day of the test. **Make sure to get one if you plan on being absent.** Along with the above assignments, we may be watching a few films that relate to our course topics if time permits.

Your Student's Name: _____ Period: _____

I (PARENT/GUARDIN NAME) _____ have read the above rules.

Parent/Guardian Telephone Number

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date