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AP World History: Modern Course Syllabus 2021-22

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Course Content

Text

The textbook for the course is:

- World History AMSCO
- Traditions and Encounters

About the Teacher

Briefly, I was born and raised in Texas. I received my BA in Political Science from Maryville College in Maryville, TN. I worked for years in the Petro-Chemical industry and decided to go into education in 2016. I have been at Waltrip for 6 years. I am the Montessori Social Studies teacher as well as the Waltrip Social Studies Chair.

Ongoing Objectives

- By the end of this course, the student will have a working knowledge of Modern World History
- He/she will also have gained an understanding of the AP World History exam, and prepared to take the AP Exam.
- The student will explore the modes of writing through the FRQ's of the AP World History

Portfolio

You are required to maintain an organized portfolio for the course. It will be submitted as a grade during each grading cycle. Portfolio dividers will be discussed in class.

Grading Scale

Everything has a percentage value. If a vocabulary quiz has 10 questions, there are 100 possible points for you. If a section test has 20 questions, there are 100 possible points for you. If an exam has 72 questions, there are 100 points.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance and participation are required; it is difficult to learn the content if you are not present in class. Your class participation and attendance can be a deciding factor if your class average straddles two grades. Be sure to see me about any missed work if you are absent.

Daily Required Materials

1. laptop
2. pen
3. three-ring-binder
4. paper

Units – With Exam Weights

Unit 1 The Global Tapestry – 1200 - 1450 (8 - 10 %)

Unit 2 – Networks of Exchange – 1200 – 1450 (8 – 10 %)

Unit 3 – Land Based Empires – 1450 – 1750 (12 – 15 %)

Unit 4 – Transoceanic Interconnections – 1450 – 1750 (12 – 15 %)

Unit 5 – Revolutions – 1750 – 1900 (12 – 15 %)

Unit 6 – Consequences of Industrialization – 1750 – 1900 (12 – 15 %)

Unit 7 – Global Conflict – 1900 – Present (8 – 10 %)

Unit 8 – Cold War and Decolonization – 1900 – Present (8 – 10 %)

Unit 9 – Globalization – 1900 – Present (8 – 10 %)