

AP World History Modern

Course Description:

AP World History: Modern was designed with a broad focus on world cultures from approximately 1200 CE to the present. Students will develop a greater understanding of global processes and interactions among societies through a study of historical patterns and comparisons among major societies.

AP World History is about skills, not just content, and will encourage all students in attaining their highest achievement level through skill acquisition and personal growth. Students will read and organize content based on THE AP EXAM, write analytical and document-based essays, and analyze primary and secondary sources. History is a sophisticated quest for meaning about the past, beyond the effort to collect and memorize information.

AP World History is a differentiated curriculum in depth, complexity, pacing, and novelty. A variety of instructional strategies will be practiced including individual and group work, questioning, critical reading and thinking, and other active engagement strategies. **Students and parents should be aware that it is expected that students will complete much of the content outside of class so we can focus on skill development, writing, and engaging activities in class.**

The AP World History Exam

Below is a general overview of the APUSH Exam that all students will take on May 11, 2023.

Section	Question Type	Number of Questions	Exam Weighting	Timing
I	Part A: Multiple-choice questions	55	40%	55 minutes
	Part B: Short-answer questions	3	20%	40 minutes
	Question 1: Secondary source(s)			
	Question 2: Primary source			
	Students select one:			
	Question 3: No stimulus			
	Question 4: No stimulus			
II	Free-response questions	2		
	Question 1: Document-based		25%	60 minutes (includes 15-minute reading period)
	Students select one:		15%	40 minutes
	Question 2: Long essay			
	Question 3: Long essay			
	Question 4: Long essay			

Required Textbook:

All students will be required to read, analyze, interpret, and take notes from a variety of sources throughout the course including textbooks, primary and secondary sources, maps, charts, graphs, and artwork.

Students will use the following text:

- Strayer, Ways of the World
 - Accessible for free on Canvas
- [AMSCO, AP World Modern](#). It is highly recommended to purchase a hardcopy, however, we do have a small amount of class copies available for check out.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic Dishonesty “Cheating, plagiarism, or copying the work of other students” is a minimum of Level II offense according to HISD Student Code of Conduct. The offense can escalate to higher levels depending on additional factors.

The Student Code of Conduct indicates the following: “The disciplinary response depends on the offense, previous actions, and the seriousness of the misbehavior... A teacher who observes a student engaged in Level II or higher misconduct will fill out a discipline/referral form for the student’s dean.”

Westside High School Handbook 14 Board Policy EIA (Local) states the following: “A student found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students.”

Grading

Cycle grades are determined as follows:

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- Major Grades (70%): Unit Tests, Writing Assessments, Projects
 - Minor Grades (30%): Classwork, Quizzes, Canvas Assignments, Homework, Participation, etc.
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Retake Policy

Major Grades: Retake documentation must be completed and submitted at the time of the retake. The maximum grade for a retake assessment is 70%.

Late Work Policy

The pace of this course is accelerated and missing class could cause problems. If you have to miss due to illness, fieldtrip, or UIL activity check Canvas for assignments and due dates.

Minor Grades: No late work will be accepted.

Make-Up Grades: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check Canvas for missed assignments. Arrangements for submitting make-up grades must be made during tutorials. The maximum amount of time that will be allowed to make-up minor and major grades is **ONE WEEK** after your return to class.
