Course Syllabus: 2023-2024 Academic Year

10th Grade World History

Instructor and Course Information:
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Required Daily Materials:
- Laptop
- Spiral or composition notebook
- Writing utensil (black or blue ink pen and/ or pencil).
- Folder or Binder

Course Description:
This course is a study of both ancient and modern world history including: the foundation of civilizations, belief systems, commerce, exploration, enlightenment, political revolutions, the industrial revolution, nationalism, imperialism through the world wars, the cold war, the quest of countries seeking independence, and changes in current global patterns. Students will be expected to analyze and interpret important documents, dates, figures, and events that shaped world history politically, socially, and economically. The information will come from interpreting maps, data, primary sources, and secondary sources.

Work Description:
Students are expected to contribute to class discussions and effectively participate in class activities. In order for class discussion to work, student preparation and participation is critical. It is NECESSARY complete in readings and research required for the course.

Outline of Course:
Unit 1: Pre-Classical Civilizations
Unit 2: Classical Civilizations
Unit 3: Emerging Societies
Unit 4: Conflict and Interaction
Unit 5: Hemispheres Collide
Unit 6: The Rise of Western Intellectual Thought
Unit 7: Comparative Revolutions
Unit 8: Western Industrialization and Empire
Unit 9: The World at War
Unit 10: World War II and the Cold War
Unit 11: 20th and 21st Century Political and Social Issues
Unit 12: Cross-chronological ESP Connections

**Student Responsibilities**

- complete all assigned homework and classwork on time.
- come to class on time, prepared with materials (this includes assignments)
- study for test (get plenty of rest before the test – if you keep up w/your assignments you won’t have to cram)
- label papers correctly with the name, date, assignment, subject and period.
- show respect for themselves, others, and Westside High School.
- comply with the cell phone policy by putting them away before entering the classroom.
- consume all snacks before entering the classroom (Water is allowed in the room as long as there is no mess)

**Grades**

This course follows the school gradebook setup of 70% major work and 30% minor work.

**Grading Breakdown**

- **Major** 70.0%
- **Minor** 30.0%

**Late Work Policy:** After three says, late work will receive a maximum score of 70%.

- One day late: Minus 10 points
- Two days late: Minus 20 points
Three days late: Minus 30 points

Make-Up Work:
All students are responsible for collecting any missing work if they are absent. All assignments can be found by the door in the “Absent Folder”.

Extra Credit:
There will be no extra credit assignments in the course.

Cell Phones:
No cell phones are allowed during class, unless specified otherwise.

Consequences:
1. Warning to put phone away.
2. If I see and/or hear your phone, I will ask you to place it on my desk until the end of class.
3. Refusal to give me the phone will result in a referral.

Classroom Expectation Consequences:
1. Verbal Warning
2. Student Teacher Conference
3. Student Reflection Sheet
4. Parent Contact
5. Referral to Dean
If necessary, some situations may result in immediate Dean Referral.

Cheating and Plagiarism:
Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. If you are caught or suspected of plagiarism or cheating, it will automatically be a zero with a referral. DO NOT cheat.

Communication:
Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. I will respond to your email within 24 hours of receiving it. I am here to support and help you. When you email me, you must include your class period in the email.

This syllabus is subject to change.