

"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday."

~Pearl Buck



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## Welcome to World History!

World History is a **required** course that gives students the opportunity to explore recurring themes of human experience common to civilizations around the globe from ancient to contemporary times.

**This is a rigorous course.** Not only do we cover 6000 years of history in 177 days, but we will also be working together to sharpen your reading, writing, and thinking skills in order to prepare you for upper level social studies courses and for the "real world." We will study maps, charts, music, literature, media, documents, technology, and many other methods to accomplish this daunting task. This means that you will **need to come to class prepared every day**. *If you are absent, you will miss something important.*

I want to help you, but first you have to help yourselves...remember, I've done all of this before, so **everything I do is for your benefit, not mine!** If there is anything that I can help you with, from explaining something that you don't understand from class, your grades, or just need some extra help...come see me! There will be a calendar in the front of the room that you can use to make appointments with me.

**Class Rules:** My expectations of you are very high, because I *know* that you can meet them. You are almost adults, and I want to treat you as such. For this to happen, there are a few guidelines you need to keep up with:

1. **Respect** yourself, your classmates, and me.
2. **Be on time** and **in your seat** when the bell rings
3. Use **respectful and school appropriate language** in class and discussion
4. **Remain quiet** when I and others are talking
5. **Come prepared** with all of your materials
6. **NO Cell Phones of any kind on or visible in class.**

**NO FOOD!!** You may **only** have bottled water in class.

**Materials:** For this class you will need:

- 1) **Two spirals for the school year**
- 2) Highlighters
- 3) Markers and/or colored pencils.
- 4) Flash Drive
- 5) Glue Stick

**Website:** All information you need for World History assignments can be found at my website:

3<sup>rd</sup> Period <https://houston.itslearning.com/ContentArea/ContentArea.aspx?LocationID=1405806&LocationType=1>

6<sup>th</sup> Period <https://houston.itslearning.com/ContentArea/ContentArea.aspx?LocationID=1405796&LocationType=1>

7<sup>th</sup> Period <https://houston.itslearning.com/ContentArea/ContentArea.aspx?LocationID=1405785&LocationType=1>

Grading. According to Social Studies Department policy, grades will be calculated based on the following percentages:

- Homework/Classwork: 30%
- Tests/Projects: 40%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Final 10% of the grade

Inevitably, discrepancies will occur concerning grades. For this reason, you should **save all graded assignments you receive in your Interactive Notebook**. If my recorded grade and your records differ, you will be able to prove your case; otherwise there will be nothing I can do.

Homework. You can expect homework to be assigned weekly. You will have two days to complete most assignments. Every Thursday/Friday we may have a quiz based on the homework assignments. You will be able to use your completed homework assignments on these quizzes.

**Make-up/ Re-Takes and Late Work:** Please be sure to check the HUB for all assignments that you miss when in class. All worksheet and PowerPoint will be uploaded there. There will also be a folder in the front of the class that will tell you what you missed. Re-takes on test are allowed for grades less than 70% The highest grade that will be recorded in the grade book is a 75. The student must complete the re-take within one week after the test.

The late work policy is as follows:

- If you are absent, you have five days to submit missing work. See HSLJ student handbook.
- Late work will be accepted according to the LECJ student handbook. **See Page 25 in student handbook**
- Late work will receive 10% deductions for each class period up to five class days. After five class days the late work will be entered as a zero in the gradebook

Please make sure you stay on top of your work. I am so excited to be working with you this school year. My goal is that you come out of this course with a better appreciation of who you are and how to find your place in the world. I truly believe that you all can be successful.

#### **Agenda for the school year. Changes may be made if needed**

<b>Units</b>	<b>Topics</b>
One	<b>Intro to History &amp; Ancient Civilizations and Religions</b>
Two	<b>Greek and Roman Empires</b>
Three	<b>Medieval Europe, Africa, Asia, and Middle East</b>
Four	<b>The First Global Age</b>
Five	<b>Scientific Revolution</b>
Six	<b>Absolute Monarchies, Enlightenment, and Revolution</b>
Seven	<b>19th Century Industry, Imperialism, &amp; Nationalism</b>
Eight	<b>World War I, Between the Wars, &amp; World War II</b>
Nine	<b>The Cold War</b>
Ten	<b>Global Issues</b>
Eleven	<b>Current Events</b>

