

# **WORLD HISTORY**

## **Syllabus; Fall 2020**

### **COURSE**

**PROFILE:** World History is a course designed for high school sophomores. In this course we will cover the cultures and history of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. As we cover information there will be a strong emphasis on geography, history, contemporary issues, and culture. A goal of World History is to enrich your knowledge, appreciation, and cultural awareness, as well as help you understand how globalization and areas of conflict have impacted the world. We will also be working towards improving our writing skills, and ability to make meaningful claims while support those claims with relevant evidence.

### **UNITS**

**COVERED:** The following are the units covered in World Cultures:

- \* Geography and Globalization
- \* Africa
- \* Monotheistic Religions
- \* Middle East
- \* Asia

In addition to these units, a Culture Project will be assigned with parts of the project due at various points throughout the semester. The parts of the Culture Project are:

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| *Basic Info Packet | *Culture Map  | *Itinerary   | *2nd Visual |
|                    | *Presentation | *Works Cited |             |

### **TECHNOLOGY**

**POLICY:** Technology will be used on a daily basis in this class. The district has implemented one to one technology to accommodate our students and make us competitive in a society that is changing very quickly. Because we have chromebooks, students do not need to have their cell phones out during class time. During our virtual class meetings, please refrain from using your cell phone for entertainment purposes. Additionally, students must use appropriate language and present themselves as if we were in a classroom.

## **MATERIALS**

**NEEDED:** During our virtual learning, all you need is your chromebook. Please make sure it is charged for every class.

## **GRADING**

**POLICY:** In accordance with high school policy, assessments are weighted 80% of a student's final grade. This includes but is not limited to unit tests, quizzes, extensive projects, and writing assignments. Other assignments that will make up the remaining 20% of the final grade are homework, small quizzes, classwork, small projects, smaller writing assignments, and a binder. The first 2 quarters are weighted 40% each, counting towards the final grade with the remaining 20% coming from a Midterm and Final. The late policy for the class is:

- 1 day late: 1 letter grade deduction
- 2 days late: 2 letter grade deduction
- 3 days late: ½ credit

**HOMEWORK:** Students can expect to have homework nightly. Each week on Friday a current event is due. Students will be required to research a pressing world event and write a short summary. On Friday they will share their current event with one of their classmates.

## **ABSENCE**

**POLICY:** When you are absent it is your responsibility to contact me and/or a classmate to see what you missed and to get the relevant materials. Due dates will be adjusted based on the amount of time a student misses.

## **EXTRA**

**HELP:** Please do not be afraid to ask for extra help. Please talk to me about arranging a meeting ahead of time.

