Course Syllabus: 2023-2024

World History

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Life can only be lived forward and understood backward. To understand and respond to the challenges of the future, students must recognize and appreciate that our modern world is the product of historical and geographical relationships. Our World History course will cover the following units of study (dates are purposely broad and may change, depending on class pace):

Intro: How to Succeed in History, Understanding World Belief Systems

- 1st & 2nd week of school in August
- Unit 1: 1300-1500: Global Encounters and Exchanges Grow
 - Late August- Late September
- Unit 2: 1450-1770: The First Global Age Emerges
 - Late September- Late October
- Unit 3: 1750-1923: Revolution, Democratization, & New Empires Spread
 - November- Part of January (split by semester)
- Unit 4: 1900-1980: Conflict & Self-Determination Expand
 - Mid/Late January- Mid March (Spring Break)
- Unit 5: 1900-Future: Global Interconnections Accelerate
 - Late March- Early May (end of year)

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." ~ Thomas Edison



Technology Tools

Google Classroom

4th Per. code: j22fg5f

5th Per. code: ohlcnp4

7th Per. code: 6twukh2

PowerSchool (check grades often!)

Important Note About Virtual Learning

As we learned in the last year of uncertainty during a pandemic, flexibility is very important to our success in class. Please remember that, in the event that you need to be out of class for awhile, you are expected to continue your active participation and keep up with all assigned course work, when possible. Communication is very important, so please let me know if there are any issues with technology and/or the regular class content.

Mrs. Hennig's Teaching Philosophy

I hold high standards and expectations for my students because I know they have a great potential to grow and learn. My class is quite structured, and students will always be told what to expect and how to succeed in the course. I believe in building lessons and assessments for student success, but it is ultimately up to the student to follow through. I will be utilizing both Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge as resources to encourage higher order thinking skills. This includes starting lessons with basic recall and foundational material and then building activities to stretch their critical thinking and skills of synthesis of information. I will include a copy of these resources on a separate PDF.

Important Class Info

Students will be working on work posted on Google Classroom as well as turning in assignments via Classroom. We will review these procedures in class.

I will be inviting all guardians to view a weekly Google Classroom summary through email, so please be sure to confirm that invitation. In addition, parents and guardians can help by regularly having their child log in to Google Classroom to check all upcoming and/or missing assignments.

Class Materials

Because we will be utilizing technology so much for this class, you will need very minimal materials. When you come to school, please have the following:

- Fully charged laptop, if you have your own (we have limited outlets to charge computers)
- Personal earbuds—you will often need to watch a video independently
- A pen or pencil (we want to limit sharing classroom materials for health purposes) and a highlighter (color is your choice)
- A folder, binder, or notebook with folders to contain notes, etc.
- Loose leaf paper
- A water bottle—water fountains may not be available in the school



Grades

Grade Weighting:

Class Work= 50%

Projects/Papers= 15%

Tests= 15%

Quizzes= 10%

Weekly Participation= 10%

Grade Info:

It is your responsibility to obtain make up work after an absence (whether the absence is in person or virtual).

I do accept late work—10% will be taken from the grade earned at any time in the current quarter.

For projects, you have 3 school days after the due date to turn in for credit (10% taken off for each day).

Cheating and plagiarism are NOT tolerated and will result in a zero. If it happens more than once, the issue will be reported to the administration.