

AP World History

Course Syllabus

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Course Purpose: The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop a greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts, in interaction with different types of human societies. Additionally, students will be given the opportunity in May to take the AP World History Exam. Depending on the score earned, college credit may be earned.

Chronological boundaries of the course include:

- Foundations:
 - First Things First: beginning in history, to 600 B.C.E.
 - Second-Wave Civilizations in World History, 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.
 - An Age of Accelerating Connections, 600 C.E. to 1450
- Period 1: The Early Modern World, 1450 to 1750
- Period 2: The European Moment in World History, 1750 to c. 1900
- Period 3: The Most Recent History: 1900 to Present

Course Sequence:

Semester 1

- Foundations 8000 B.C.E. to 1200
- An Age of Accelerating Connections, 1200 C.E. to 1400
- The Early Modern World, 1450 to 1750

Semester 2

- The European Moment in World History, 1750 to c. 1900
- The Most Recent History, 1900 to present
- AP Exam

Course Requirements and Responsibilities:

- Materials needed: textbook, binder, agenda
- **It is critical that the assigned reading be completed before the class the next day.** All reading will be done out of class. This is a content class, but also a course requiring extensive writing and acquiring various skills
- Some assignments that you do or participate in will not be for a grade, but it is to your advantage to complete or to participate so you can benefit from the material or skill that is taught.
- **Focused notes will be required. Each quarter, you will have a binder grade that will be approximately 15% of the quarter grade. The binder will include Focused notes assignments and your agenda.**
- It is highly suggested that textbooks be brought every day. The textbook, *Ways of the World*, (Strayer & Nelson) can be accessed through Clever.com.
- To access AP World History course information including previous AP exam questions, student samples, grading rubrics/commentary, etc., go to **apcentral.collegboard.com**
- **Nightly homework** (I.E., reading, reviewing, review questions, refining Focused notes)

- Work is expected when it is due (**late work is generally not accepted**) You get one late homework pass per quarter.
- Doing other classwork or homework during class is not allowed.
- **Textbook/supplemental reading is a requirement for success in this class.**
- **Extra help is expected** if you do not meet class academic standards. **Appointments for make-up work need to be kept or the assignment will result in a zero.**
- Only water is allowed to be consumed in class. No food is to be eaten during class.
- Students are expected to sit in their chosen or assigned seat.
- All detentions will be held after school (2:05) It is the responsibility of the student to arrange alternative transportation.
- Grading will be based on a point system (more weight will be given to those assignments that have a higher numerical value)
- Tests and quizzes account for approximately **55-65%** of the class grade.
- **Students will be required to take semester 1 AP exam regardless of grade.**
- **Electronic devices (phones, Kindles, I Phones, I Pads, cameras) are not allowed without teacher permission.**
- Any instance of **cheating or plagiarism** will result in a zero for that assignment. Cheating consists of but is not limited to:
 - A. Copying answers on a test or quiz
 - B. Using unauthorized materials on an assignment
 - C. Copying another person's work (plagiarizing)
- **A zero will also be recorded grade if there is a visible electronic device or the student accesses a device during a quiz or test.**
- Classroom behavior consists of being appropriate (will be discussed in class)
- Papers to be turned in will have the following information:
 - In the upper right-hand corner: First and last name, date, period.
 - At the top middle of the paper: title of assignment.
- Only use black or blue ink on tests or quizzes.
- You may use black or blue ink or pencil on written assignments that will be turned in
- The grading scale is the following:

A= 100-90 B= 89-80 C= 79-70 D= 69-60 F= 59-0
- **The best way to contact me is through email: Durspeka@pcsb.org**