

# World History Honors

## Course Syllabus

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**Textbook:** Spielvogel, J.J. (2018). *World History and Geography*. Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill Education; ISBN: 0076683877  
The text book is available, digitally, through Clever.com

### Course Purpose:

This course is will be covering content in world history starting from the year 500 A.D to the present. Eighteen units will be thoroughly explained, discussed, and analyzed in this course this semester. As we cover each unit we will attempt to make a connection between the historical events and the present. We will develop an understanding of how developments in politics, learning, religion, art and architecture intellectual, and society contributed to the societies created by humans. In addition this course is designed to strengthen your map skills, sense of geography, reading skills, writing skills, research skills and more.

“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”  
-George Santayana

### Course Outline:

#### ***Semester 1:***

Unit 1: Byzantine Empires: 8.5 & 12.2  
Unit 2: Islamic Empires: 9 & 11.4  
Unit 3: West Africa: 13  
Unit 4: Medieval Europe and Japan: 10, 8.4, 12.2-.4  
Unit 5: Renaissance and Reformation: 15 & 16  
Unit 6: The Americas:14  
Unit 7: Age of Exploration: 17 & 19.2  
Unit 8: Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment: 21

#### ***Semester 2:***

Unit 9: Revolutions: 21.4, 22 & 23.4  
Unit 10: Nationalism: 23.2 & 23.3  
Unit 11: Industrialization: 23, 24.1, 24.2 & 26.3  
Unit 12: Imperialism: 25, 26.1 & 26.2  
Unit 13: World War I: 27 & 28.1  
Unit 14: World War II: 27.3, 28, 30  
Unit 15: Cold War: 31.1, 31.3 & 34.1  
Unit 16: De-Colonization: 32 & 31.2  
Unit 17: Conflicts in the Middle East: 32.2 & 34.5  
Unit 18: Modern Challenges: 24.4, 32.3, 34.1 & 35

### Course Success and Grading:

In this course, all of the following will be incorporated into determining your grade.

Summative Assessments (Tests, Projects, DBQs, etc)	50%
Formative Assessments (Homework, Classwork, Reading assignments, Quizzes, etc)	35%
Class binder	15%

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NOTES, HOMEWORK, BELLWORK, TESTS/QUIZZES, VOCABULARY

Final grades for each 6 weeks are calculated using Pinellas County requirements:

90-100% (A)    80-89% (B)    70-79% (C)    60-69% (D)    below 60% (F)

### School Rules:

See student handbook. All school wide rules will be strictly enforced. This includes being in proper dress, and no food in the classroom and NO use of ELECTRONIC DEVICES during class. This also means that electronic devices may NOT be charged in the outlets in the classroom.

No passes the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes of class.

### General Classroom Rules:

- Academically accountable language. Positive words will be used. Discussions and conversations will be on topic and on task.
- Headings on EVERY paper. Upper right hand corner:

Name  
World Hist H 7  
Date  
Title (what the assignment is)

- Late work not accepted.
  - Any work due at the end of class is due at the end of class OR the beginning of the next class period meeting.
    - Use the Boca Ciega Website to see what is due. Before consulting the teacher please check Hi-Tide for the assignments.
  - Any work assigned prior to your absence is due on the date you return.
  - Tests may be made up during lunch or after school by appointment only.
  - It is the student's responsibility for missed work.
- Cheating will not be tolerated. Copying any type of work is considered cheating, even if it is only homework. Cheating will result in a grade of zero and an administrative referral. Bottom-line – don't cheat!
  - Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Plagiarism is defined as using or passing off the ideas or writings of another as one's own. Plagiarism will also result in a grade of zero and an administrative referral.

**Classroom Expectations:**

You will try.

You will not give up.

You will ask for help when you need it.

You will come to class prepared EVERYDAY. This includes having your textbook, your binder WITH paper and dividers, pens/pencils, with the required reading done AND any work that is due.

The World History section of your binder will be divided into the following sections: BELLWORK, NOTES, HOMEWORK, TESTS/QUIZZES, VOCABULARY.

You will respect your future.

You will respect the future of everyone in this room.

You will succeed.

**\*The teacher reserves the right to alter or amend the syllabus at any time throughout the 2019-2020 school year but will provide the students with an updated version if changes should occur.**

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