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COURSE DESCRIPTION**-**The focus of this course enables students to explore the historical impact of various world histories with attention to origin, history, and formation of the modern world. Topics include the Renaissance, Reformation, Discovery and Expansion, the growth of various empires, the scientific and industrial revolutions, World Wars I and II, The Cold War, and the Contemporary world. In this course we will study world history in a cooperative and analytical sense. We will aim to comprehend each particular time period as thoroughly as possible and to understand the experience of the American citizen.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**Quizlet Username: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail used: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Quizlet Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**A**ttend class daily

**C**omplete all assignments within allotted time frame

**A**ctively participate in group learning activities/discussions

**M**ake up missed assignments and take all tests/exams as scheduled

RESOURCES NEEDED

TEXTBOOK

NOTEBOOK: 3-ring binder (1 or 1 ½ inch)

PENS/PENCILS, HIGHLIGHTERS, COLORED PENCILS

DIVIDERS (4 needed, labeled as: NOTES, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, WARM-UPS, AND GLOSSARY)

ASSESSMENT – I run class based off of a total points system. This means that my tests do not count multiple times. I feel this helps students who aren’t always great test takers to still feel as if they have participated correctly in classroom activities.

* Unit Tests account for 100 points each
* Quizzes ranging from 20-25 points each
* Survivor Quizzes, 10 points per week
* Graphic Organizers, once per unit. These are 50 points each
* Projects, usually being once per unit, ranging anywhere from 25-100 points, depending on length and rigor
* Daily assignments, homework, and other solo work, typically ranging from 5-15 points, depending on length and rigor

**Citizenship-** The following will result in lowering of a student's citizenship grade: class interruptions, horseplay, disrespectful attitude, cheating, walking around excessively, and not staying on task.

POLICY FOR MAKE-UP WORK

Any make-up work due to a verified absence from class is the sole responsibility of the **STUDENT**. Make-up assignments will only be given within the first **THREE** days upon your return and before or after class (not during class). You **MUST** also request a before or after school appointment within the three days if you should require additional help. Failure to make up missed assignments and/or tests within the allotted time frame will ultimately result in a **ZERO**!

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

1. Every student is expected to **show respect** and is held accountable for displaying appropriate behavior at all times.

2. Tardiness is bad manners! Be in your assigned seat **with materials** ready and book bag in designated area when the tardy bell rings. 3 tardies will result in a referral.

3. Respect other people’s property by neither taking nor touching anything that is not yours without permission.  
**The OPP Rule!!!**(This includes touching other people as well)

4. **Participate** in class discussions regularly and in such a way that the class as a whole will benefit from the comments you contribute.

5. All rules in the ***Student Handbook*** apply in this class and will be enforced.

6. Student are responsible for completing their own work...anything else is cheating and will NOT be accepted. (Please see “Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, and Cheating” below)

7. Finally, **“If you’re not sure it’s okay, ask first!!!”**

**8.  There will be no cell phones used in this class. Their distraction far outweighs their usefulness.**

9. Late work is just that: late. Abide by due dates, please. For most assignments there will be a 10% deduction for each day that an assignment is late. If directions and due dates are given far enough in advance then there late turn ins will not be allowed at all.

**10. Any offense of plagiarism, cheating, or academic dishonesty in this class will result in a grade of ZERO!**

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME**

1.       I will come to class prepared to teach you about world history in an effective and efficient manner on a daily basis.

2.       I will practice respect for the material I teach and the students I teach. Each student is an important part of my class and will be treated as such.

3.       I will maintain a safe and productive environment that is conducive to successful learning.

4.       I will encourage my students to respect the beliefs and ideas of other people.