Advanced World History II

Course Outline 2016-2017

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**Course Overview:**

This course is designed to promote an understanding of key historical events, ideas, cultures, and people from the time of the Renaissance to the modern world. We will focus on how these ideas and cultures have impacted today’s society and how they have changed throughout the past 600 years. By the end of the year you will be able to see how history has effected and shaped the world we live in today.

**Topics to be covered:**

**1st Semester:**

The Modern World

World Religions

The Renaissance

The Reformation

Age of Exploration

Age of Absolutism

Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment

The World Beyond Europe

Age of Revolutions and Independence Movements

The Napoleonic Age

**2nd Semester:**

Nationalism, Industrialization, and Imperialism

World War I and the Russian Revolution

World War II

The Cold War

Independence Movements in Africa and Asia

**Course Requirements:**

Much of the class will be designed around class discussions and group work. Students will be encouraged to participate in discussions and be respectful of others. We will be learning about different and unique cultures, so thoughtfulness is an absolute must in every class. Controversial issues may be discussed as well, so please respect all students and their opinions on such issues. The class is a safe learning environment and all students are encouraged to voice their opinions.

**Notebooks:**

 Students are required to keep a three ring binder in which their history notes and worksheets will be stored. At the end of each unit, I will collect these notebooks and grade them. Grades will be based upon which assignments are completed and if all assignments are in the notebook. A list of what is required in the notebook will be provided.

**Student Responsibility:**

1. Be on time to class.
2. Come prepared and ready to learn.  Bring all necessary materials (pens, pencils, paper, notebook, etc.).
3. Be respectful towards other students and of the subject matter.
4. No eating or drinking in the classroom (expect for bottled water).
5. Cell phones are not allowed in class.  If you use one, you will first receive a warning.  If you continue to use a cell phone, it will be confiscated.
6. Students can use music players/ipods during independent work **with teacher permission**.  At no other time will students be allowed to use them.
7. Tardy Policy: If a student is not present in the classroom when the bell rings (without a note from a teacher or without permission from me) he/she will be marked tardy. **DO NOT DROP YOUR BACKPACK OFF AND LEAVE. YOU WILL BE MARKED TARDY.**
8. Bathroom policy:  To protect instructional time and provide for the safety and welfare of the students, student traffic in and out of class will be limited.  Students are encouraged to visit the water fountain and bathroom between classes or during lunch.  In the event that a student must leave class during the instructional time, he/she must use the sign-out sheet sign before leaving the room.

**Late Work:**

 All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. **Late work will be penalized one letter grade per day.** After more than five days, you must meet with me to discuss what amount of credit you can earn.

**Homework:**

 Homework will be assigned on a class by class basis. It will not be an every night occurrence. However, when it’s assigned it has a purpose. I will only assign homework if I believe it is important to your learning experience. I will not assign it purely as busy work.

**Absences:**

 If you are absent, it is your responsibility to come to me and pick up any missed work. **I will not seek you out!** If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you are expected to take it the day you return to class.

**End of the Year Culminating Assessment and Midterm Exam:**

 In lieu of a final exam, all students will complete a culminating project in the spring. Every student will be responsible for this project regardless of his/her 2nd semester grade. The tradeoff for this project is that no one will be required to attend class during the assigned final exam period.

 Also, all students will complete midterm exams BEFORE winter break. The exam will be completed during the week of December 12-16.

I look forward to working with all of you this school year. Welcome to World History II!