

World History & Geography Syllabus



Course Objective: Welcome to World History and Geography. This is a college prep course where students should broaden their perspective by studying diverse cultures and their impacts on each other. A comprehensive study of ancient kingdoms, the classical world, world religions, and the transition of man from medieval to modern times, revolutions, and industrialization, political and economic systems including art, architecture, and geography will be interwoven in all areas of study. Concepts stressed throughout the course are the same as those employed by all social scientists: critical thinking, analysis, and interpretation.

Grading: Grades will be based on a point system. The breakdown is mostly categorized on individualized summative assessments and ongoing formative assessments. *Once a grading period has closed no further work for that period will be accepted.* The following rules will be consistently recognized, as emphasized with the **ORHS grading policies.**

Quizzes/Tests: Reading and review quizzes are very common, and are a part of the summative assignments. Reading comprehension and retention is a life skill. Tests will be given at the end of each unit and will normally include multiple-choice questions and a variety of short answers/essays.

Absences for Quizzes/Tests: If the student is absent on the day of the quiz or test, he/she will take Test Form B, which includes short answer and essay, rather than multiple choice, to ensure he/she has still retained the information in spite of their absence. **STRIVE FOR FIVE!!**

Homework: Expect it if the student does not finish the class work in the appropriate amount of time given. Homework is relevant to class discussions and especially reading quizzes. Homework is also an opportunity to become disciplined, organized, and prepared. Failing to do the assignment(s) or complete it on time will **definitely** affect grades.

Late Policy: In order to receive credit for all work, it must be submitted when it is **DUE**. I will deduct 10% off the original grade you would have received for each of the first three days after the original due date.

Class Rules:

- Do NOT be late unless you have a legitimate excuse to be tardy.
- Aside from water no food or drinks are allowed. (especially after lunch)
- Your personal honor and integrity are very precious and important part of who you are as a person. Therefore, I expect that you will do your OWN work at all times. (see the ORHS Handbook for further information regarding cheating/plagiarism)
- Use of devices will be at teacher discretion.
- Respect yourself, peers, teachers and the classroom.

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Approximate Course Timeline:

First Quarter	Geography Skills World Religions Review Early Modern Empires in Asia Renaissance and Reformation Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment Age of Discovery and Global Trade Networks Age of Absolutism Rise of Constitutionalism in England
Second Quarter	Geography Skills French, American and Haitian Revolutions Age of Napoleon Industrial Revolution Age of Imperialism Nationalism in Europe
Third Quarter	Geography Skills Nationalism in Asia, Africa, and Latin America World War I Russian Revolution Great Depression Interwar Years
Fourth Quarter	Geography Skills World War II Cold War Decolonization Post-Cold War World

Participation Agreement: By signing below, you agree to the following:

- That you have read and understand the information provided in this syllabus.
- To participate fully and to the best of your ability in the classroom and the work assigned.
- To be respectful of the building, classroom, teacher and other students.
- To communicate promptly and appropriately any issues, concerns, questions, or needs.
- To abide by the ORHS Handbook, internet use guidelines, classroom rules, and teacher instructions.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

My child has showed me the description and requirements for World History/Geography.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

