

WELCOME TO MS. NELSON'S WORLD HISTORY CLASS

BE ON TIME

BE RESPECTFUL

BE PREPARED

CLASSWORK AND PARTICIPATION:

In order to succeed in this class, you must be present both physically and mentally. Regular tardiness or excessive absences will not be tolerated. While being absent will only hurt yourself, being tardy disrupts the whole class, and neither lead to a comfortable learning environment. You are expected to participate on a daily basis, so being attentive and prepared are essential to your success.

HOMEWORK:

In this class, you will have homework two to three nights a week, and sometimes on the weekend. Written homework needs to be turned in on-time and complete. Late assignments may be turned in for half-credit up until the unit test. Just as I respect you and make sure that I plan lessons to teach you each day, I expect that you will return this respect by putting full effort into your work as well.

QUIZZES AND TESTS:

Quizzes will be given approximately twice a unit. They are usually announced. Quizzes are given both to check to make sure you are paying attention and doing your work, and also to let me know if there are some areas that I need to go over and explain better. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. They will include any combination of matching, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, maps, graphs and essay questions. You will be given a review sheet for each test and we will review in class the day before each test.

PROJECTS:

During the year you will be required to complete several projects. They will be announced ahead of time and you will be given ample time to complete them.

***Note:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Any handouts will be in the missing work folders, and check with a classmate in case we did work that did not require handouts. If you have asked 3 people and are still unsure, come talk to me and I will explain what you need to do. Remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure you get caught up, not mine!

Please remember that I am here to help you and want you to succeed. If you need extra help or more time on assignments, come talk to me and we can try to work something out. Let's start the year off right!

Grading Scale:

Classwork and participation: 35%

Homework: 15%

Projects: 20%

Tests and quizzes: 30%

Final Grades:

A= 90-100%

B= 80-89%

C= 70-79%

D= 65-69%

F= 64% or lower

World History Course Outline

First Semester

Weeks 1-2
Community building and geography

Week 3
The Fall of Rome

Weeks 4-5
The Byzantine Empire

Week 6
Comparative religions project

Weeks 7-9
Medieval Europe

Week 10
The Crusades

Weeks 11-15
Islam

Weeks 16-17
The Renaissance

Week 18
The Reformation

Week 19
The Scientific Revolution

Week 20
Midterm review and exam

Second Semester

Topics to be covered:

Ancient China
Ancient Japan
Africa
Mesoamerica