

Department: History

Course Name: World History II

Course Description:

This course studies the historical development of people, places, and patterns of life from the Renaissance up to the present with a worldly focus. The course follows the major civilizations and religions found in Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, and in Europe as they relate to the history and development of the world from the Renaissance to the present time. All students will use skills of historical and geographical analysis to explore the history of the world and how this history has evolved into the world we know today.

Content:

Renaissance, Reformation, and the Scientific Revolution
Age of Discovery, Exploration, and Expansion
Absolutism throughout the World
Enlightenment and Revolution
Industrial Revolution
Reform and Independence Movements
Nationalism, Imperialism, and Revolution Around the World
World War I and the Russian Revolution
Great Depression and the Rise of Totalitarianism
World War II and Its Aftermath
The Cold War
The Emergence of New Nations
Regional Conflicts
The Developing World and the World Today

Skills:

Improve note taking skills and organization (interactive notebook)
Identify, analyze, and interpret primary and secondary sources to make generalizations about events and life in world history from the Renaissance to today.
Analyze the physical and cultural landscapes of the world by using maps, globes, artifacts, and pictures.
Search and find pertinent information online
Using various forms of technology throughout the class for instruction and presentations (Google Slides, Keynote, Canva, Padlet, Zoom, Power Point, Prezi, iBooks, Notability, Pages)
Write a research paper using primary documents
Identify and compare the political boundaries with the locations of civilizations, empires, and kingdoms from the Renaissance to present-day.
Analyze the trends in human migration and cultural interaction from the Renaissance to present-day.
Analyze the impact of economic forces, including taxation, government spending, trade, resources, and monetary systems on events from the Renaissance to present-day.
Explore the persistent relevance of world history to contemporary developments.
Write short answer responses and essays
Analyze and understand human commonalities and differences.
Continue to use online information and e-mail for assignments, as well as google documents, folders and drive.

Texts and Materials:

Ellis and Ester. World History: Survey Edition, Prentice Hall School Division (e-text); 2014.
(PDF versions of this resource)

Additional Primary and Secondary sources as needed throughout the course

Various DVDs and Videos from the Media Center and Online Resources

Maps (Pictures, Graphs, and Charts)

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture (Teacher and Student-led)

Class Discussions

Group Work

Presentations (Canva Nearpod, Keynote, Google Slides, PowerPoint, Padlet, Prezi other online presentations)

Simulations

Methods of Evaluation:

Graded discussions and presentations

Oral Presentations

Quizzes (reading, content, and vocabulary)

Tests (on paper)

Homework/Class work

Research paper and project presentations

