

World History Syllabus

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This is a world history course that gives students an overview of the world's ancient civilizations, going from its earliest cultures through the Enlightenment, along with geography and current events. This course will be taught using a combination of teaching platforms and methods, including Google Classroom, Zoom, lecture and note taking, discussions, and research projects. I hope to both challenge and inspire students to become mini-historians, enjoy discovering the past, and make connections from the past to what's happening today.

Suggested Supplies (Some will be used when we pivot to in-person)

- 2 in. 3 ring binder (for World History)
- Composition notebook (2)
- Filler paper
- Tabbed dividers (at least 5)
- Multicolored highlighters
- Ballpoint pens (blue or black)
- Pencils and eraser
- Colored pencils
- Flash drive (can be used for all classes)

Classroom Supplies (Optional)

- Tissues boxes
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Colored pencils
- Pencils
- Pens
- Dry erase markers
- Notecards

Course Outline

Textbook: *World History* by Pearson (chapters 1-11)

*You will primarily use the online textbook, but you can request a hard copy if you'd like.

Unit 1: Intro to World History

Online instruction (Zoom, Google Classroom, etc.), community building, review of geography and history skills, terms, and concepts

Unit 2: Origins of Civilization

Early Africa, River Valley Civilizations, India, China, and Early Empires

Unit 3: New Directions in Government and Society, and the Spread of Ideas

The Americas, Greeks, Romans, Medieval Europe, and the Rise of World Religions

Unit 4: New Empires and the Spread of Islam and Christianity

Muslim World, Africa, and Asian Empires

Unit 5: New Changes and Global Connections

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The Renaissance, Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Enlightenment, and Life in Europe

Rules and Procedures

1. Be on time, with your camera on and audio muted for all synchronous (Zoom) meetings.
2. Be prepared for class by completing all required asynchronous work prior to the synchronous meetings. Come ready to learn and participate.
3. Respect the learning environment. Stay on task and stay focused on the lesson. Please do not multi-task while in synchronous classes. The chat feature in Zoom should be used for class purposes only and always with respect. Class discussions in Google Classroom should stay focused on the topic given and with respect towards others at all times.
4. Respect everyone around you. You should listen respectfully to each person's comments or ideas. Civil discourse is expected in all academic conversations that take place in this class.
5. Take responsibility for your own learning and actions. Contact me immediately if you need help with an assignment, through Remind101 or my email at knewman@northlandprep.org. If you are absent/miss a Zoom meeting, you are responsible for any material you missed. Being absent does **NOT** excuse you from the work assigned while you were gone.

Grade Breakdown

Infinite Campus - Grades will be updated weekly through Infinite Campus. Please check your grades often to avoid failing grades.

90 -100% = A, 80 - 89% = B, 70 - 79% = C, 60 - 69% = D, 59% or below = F

Assignments

1. Class participation - 5%
 - Zoom meetings: There will be at least one Zoom meeting a week for this class. Attendance is mandatory and part of your grade.
2. Classwork - 25%
 - Class discussions through Google Classroom
 - Textbook assignments
 - Any kind of assignment that helps you learn the material
3. Homework - 25%
 - Current events
 - Maps
 - SPICE notes
 - Any kind of assignment that helps you learn the material
4. Projects - 20%
 - There will be one major project each quarter.
5. Tests/Quizzes - 25%
 - There will be quizzes throughout each unit.

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- There will be one test at the end of each unit.

Absences

- For planned absences, (family vacation, doctor's appointment, sport competition, etc.), all missing work must be completed the day you return to school. If your work is not completed, it will be marked late. Please see me in advance if you know you're going to be absent.
- For unplanned absences, you have as many days as you were absent to make up the work.

Late Work

- Turning in work on time is part of taking responsibility for your learning. Late assignments are **NOT** accepted for full credit. Late work will be docked 10% for every day past the due date.
- Projects will not be accepted late for **any** credit since students will have several weeks to complete the projects. Students should contact me immediately if there is an issue with completing the project on time. Procrastination is not an acceptable excuse!

Extra Credit

I will occasionally offer extra credit, but I won't have extra credit "on hand" whenever students ask for it. Students will be given sufficient time to complete extra credit when it's available. Extra credit is only accepted if all your required work is turned in.

Academic Integrity

Cheating and plagiarism are **NOT** allowed. This includes copying from the Internet, copying another student's work, etc. If you do so, or allow someone to cheat off of you, you will receive a zero on the assignment or test and your parents will be notified.

Behavior

Students should behave with academic integrity and respect that is befitting of a student of Northland Preparatory Academy.

Resources

- Google Classroom – Please enroll in Google Classroom for your class period. This is where all class information will be provided during online learning. Parents will be added as guardians to the Classroom so they can view assignments, due dates, etc.
- Google Calendar - This gives a daily snapshot of the information posted in Google Classroom. I will regularly update the calendar with topics, assignments, and due dates.
- Infinite Campus - I will send messages through Infinite Campus. This is where students will go to mark their attendance and to check grades.

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- Online textbook - I will provide instruction on how to sign up and use the online textbook during the second week of school. We will use the textbook regularly.

Communication

- I'm available Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm only.
- Email me at knewman@northlandprep.org. This is the best way to contact me.
- Please do **NOT** message me through Google Classroom.
- Office hours: Monday and Thursday from 3:15-3:45pm through Zoom. I'm also available by appointment during school hours.

****To start the year off right and receive your first "A", review this syllabus with your parents/guardians. Then fill out the contract by following this link by 6pm on Friday, 8/28:**

https://forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkPoegls6YotVxjL8bdSNAf7_p5Cnl7wSYHh3eyEI0a3_l-g

****Keep a copy of this syllabus where you can reference it.**

Important Facts and Information for Parents

Parents - please keep this page for future reference

- This is a rigorous class, designed to prepare your student for college. I never ask students to do anything beyond what I believe they can do. They may feel challenged and frustrated at times, but please know that these are growing pains and it will allow them to grow as a student and learner.
- You can check your child's grades on Infinite Campus. If you do not have a log-in please contact the office to receive a new one. I will update grades weekly.
- Students will have work in this class **EVERY** school day. A weekly agenda will be posted to Google Classroom and Google Calendar every Thursday morning for the following week. A day by day schedule of work will also be included to keep students organized.
- Regular assignments to expect:
 - A Zoom meeting at least once a week (Mon/Tues), sometimes twice (Thurs/Fri).
 - Textbook readings and SPICE notes
 - A major project every quarter
 - Quizzes throughout each unit
 - A unit test at the end of each unit
- I do **NOT** accept late work for full credit. We are trying to teach your child the personal responsibility necessary to be successful in their higher learning. Students will be docked 10% for each day an assignment is late. Late projects will **NOT** be accepted for any credit and students may not redo any portion of a project, since they have several weeks to complete projects.
- I offer occasional extra credit opportunities and do not keep it "on hand" whenever students need it. Extra credit is only accepted if your child has **no** missing assignments.
- I hold office hours on Monday and Thursdays from 3:15-3:45 through Zoom. I'm also available **by appointment only** during school hours (8am-4pm). If a student needs additional help on an assignment or project, they should make an appointment to see me *before* the due date.
- I will invite you to be a Guardian in your student's Google Classroom. Please accept this invitation as it's an excellent way to stay involved. Google Classroom emails assignment summaries to Guardians on Fridays, which will show you if your student has any missing work from my class.
- The best way to contact me is by email: knewman@northlandprep.org. Please **do not** message me through Google Classroom. Please give me 24 hours in which to respond (72 hours if it is sent on the weekend). If I haven't responded by then I may not have received your email.

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****Parents and students, please go to this link to agree to the syllabus:**

https://forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkPoegIs6YotVxjL8bdSNAf7_p5Cnl7wSYHh3eyEI0a3_l-g

DUE BY 6PM ON FRIDAY, 8/28