

# World History Course Syllabus

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## Classroom Standards and Expectations

### Behavior:

- A. Every student has the right to learn. No one may disrupt the learning process. Students who fail to follow the rules will be dealt with accordingly. Keep in mind that I have the right to deduct points off of your grade for bad behavior.
- B. Students will be respectful when I am lecturing or giving instructions. Students will also be respectful when a guest visits, or when a class member is speaking.
- C. Phones/tablets are permitted at certain times during class; I will alert you as to when it is appropriate to use them. I have the right to hold onto a phone if you are abusing the privilege in class. If you choose to bring a phone into class, be aware: I am NOT responsible for anything that happens to that device during our class period.
- D. Cell phones will be collected for every exam/quiz and returned to you at the end of the assignment.
- E. Helping another student understand the information we are going over is always appreciated, **cheating on tests, copying homework or plagiarism** on papers will result in a zero for all involved on the assignment and further consequences with Northgate administration. Do not do anything that will compromise you graduating!

### Attendance:

- A. Daily attendance is very important to your grade. Students will be given one week to make up tests and one day (one class meeting after the student's return) for assignments. It is the student's responsibility, not the teacher's, to be reminded of making up tests, turning in assignments, and asking for help.
- B. I expect students to be prepared for work once the bell rings. Come to class prepared with all of your materials: pen or pencil, course books, notebooks, and paper.
- C. Students will be allowed to use the restroom with the use of the restroom pass and by signing out and in when they return.
- D. Three participation points are available to you each day you are in class. You earn one point for being present, one for being on time, and one for **ACTIVE** participation in class that I monitor, usually through exit tickets. You lose all three points for an **UNEXCUSED** (truancy) absence or for being tardy. (**THIS IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT FOR STUDENTS IN ZERO PERIOD!**) I usually lock the door at the beginning of class; if you are tardy you might miss any quiz or bell work I give you, which would result in you losing assignment points and participation points. These participation points have helped students in the past immensely; likewise, tardies have also caused students' grades to be lowered by a letter grade. Please see Northgate's tardy policy for additional information on the negative consequences of tardiness. **BE IN YOUR SEAT AND READY TO WORK WHEN THE BELL RINGS.**
- E. **Assignments:** Late work is accepted for half credit. Assignments are due at the start of class on the due date unless otherwise stated. Work may be made up for excused absences only. In addition, if the student is in a group that has a presentation and they are absent, no credit

will be given for that assignment. In the case of an excused absence, the student is required to get the makeup work either before, after, or during a quiet moment in class.

### **Supplies Requested:**

- A. Spiral notebook (three or five subject preferred) that should be with you in class daily.
- B. Post-Its.
- C. Pens, pencils, highlighters.
- D. Access to a newspaper or reputable online news websites.

### **Grading:**

Grading is on a point system. You will be expected to record and keep track of assignments and the points available by copying the posted notebook table of contents daily. Assignments are awarded variable points depending on length, and degree of difficulty. The number of points available for each quarter differs. The final exam is part of the second quarter grade. The only safe way to ensure you earn a good grade is never to miss an assignment or class. Alternatively, there will be various extra credit assignments that can be completed throughout the semester for varying amounts of points.

89.5—100 %=A

79.5--89.4 %=B

69.5—79.4%=C

59.5—69.4 %=D

59.4 % or below=F (you MUST pass this class to graduate!)

### **Binder, Notebook, and Homework Requirements**

Students will need a college-rule spiral notebook to maintain and organize assignments. This notebook will be used to take lecture notes, complete journal starters, and for maintaining other assignments. All work must be dated and titled accurately. I will only accept appropriate notebooks. Notebooks with inappropriate materials (graffiti related to gang activity, drug or alcohol references, or sexually explicit language) will not be accepted or given credit. This notebook is for this class only. If your notebook is found to be acceptable, you will be able to use it on part of the final (but no other test or quiz). Papers turned in must have your first and last name in the right hand corner, the class period number and the date to receive full credit. You will sometimes have a multiple choice quiz based on your textbook reading/homework to begin the day; be prepared for these quizzes by reading and completing your homework.

My website is updated regularly with assignments, Do-Nows, and information for our daily activities. I try to update it daily, and upload any assignments I have available as soft copies or PDF format. If you are absent, it is a good idea to check my website before you return to class.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **Formal Writing**

We will be doing many forms of writing in class, as well as preparing you for several formal (essay) assignments over the course of the year. These papers will have their own descriptions that will be given to you as they are assigned. Writing will be worth a significant portion of your grade for the year.

#### **Public Speaking**

As a class, we will be participating in Public Speaking Tuesdays along with the rest of the Social Sciences Department in preparation for your senior year and Mock Congress. These assignments will be explained in more detail in mid-to-late September.

### **FINALLY:**

This course is mandated by the State of California and is required in order for you to receive your high school diploma. This means that **you need to pass this class in order to graduate**. Therefore, pay close attention to all of the class requirements.

**If you need help it is your responsibility to ask for it.** Do not hesitate or wait until the last minute. Remember, you are responsible for your actions. I will not beg you to study or to turn in assignments. It is up to you and only you.

Signing this syllabus is your first assignment for your notebook. To get full credit, this needs to be signed by you and your parent/guardian.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read this course description and understand what is asked of me this semester and school year in Mrs. Krnich's class.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_