

World History, 8th Grade

Ms. Areces

Syllabus

School Year: 2019 – 2020

Course Description

The 8th grade World History social studies curriculum consists of the following content area strands: World History, Geography, Civics, and Economics. The primary content for this course pertains to the world's earliest civilizations to the ancient and classical civilizations of Africa, Asia, and Europe. Students will be exposed to the multiple dynamics of world history including economics, geography, politics, and religion/philosophy. Students will study methods of historical inquiry and primary and secondary historical documents.

Teaching Style

Material will be taught through teacher-directed lecture, project-based/student-centered learning, or a combination of the two. Students are expected to take notes during the teacher's lectures, participate in all projects and activities, and are encouraged to ask questions and discuss relevant topics. All material is reinforced with classwork, discussion, and projects. All material is assessed through paper-based, in-class tests.

Materials and Supplies

- My World Interactive Active Journal (**provided by teacher**)
- Folder OR binder (**preference of student**)
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pens, pencils, highlighters
- *Optional: art supplies such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, etc.*

Standards and Expectations

Students are expected to be in class on time and prepared to work. Students should know to respect the teacher just as the teacher will respect the students. Assignments must be completed on time.

Grading Scale

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-60 D

59 and below F

Grade Category Worth

Test = 4 grades

Projects = 2 to 4 grades (teacher discretion)

Classwork = 1 to 2 grades (teacher discretion)

Participation/Bellringers = 1 grade

- **Tests:** Will be given at the end of each chapter or unit. The students will be told of test days in advance so that they may study. Students may study from vocabulary, classwork, and most importantly: Notes from lectures. Students will be provided with study guides for each test.

- **Projects:** Some may be done in class and others will be done outside of class as prolonged homework assignments. Students will be provided with an assignment sheet and rubric for each project prior to the due date.
- **Classwork/Homework:** Expected to be completed in a timely manner BY YOURSELF unless instructed otherwise. Homework will be updated on www.materlakes.org.
- **Participation:** Students will be expected to participate during class, especially during class discussions. Some students may feel too shy to speak out, but can always find alternative ways to participate.
- **Bellringers:** Bellringers are completed at the beginning of each class period. Students are expected to participate/complete them.

In regards to Grading:

- ❖ It is at the teacher's discretion which assignments are graded and which are not. Students are expected to complete every assignment regardless.
- ❖ There will be a 10 point reduction of grade for not adhering to the following policies:
 - Students MUST write his/her name, period, and the date
 - Students must follow directions for the assignment when given (the teacher should not have to repeat instructions several times)
 - Students MUST write in black pen, blue pen, or pencil (unless given instruction otherwise). Turning in assignments written in highlighter, marker, colored pencil, crayon, etc. will have points taken off.
 - Students MUST have all materials required (most importantly workbooks)
 - Students MUST NOT interrupt the class or lecture.
 - Students MUST follow all classroom rules.

Late work: Late work will **NOT** be accepted. Students are expected to have all assignments completed by the due date.

Absences: It is the responsibility of the student to check their class period's "While You Were Out" Folder for any make-up working during his/her absence. It is also the responsibility of the student to return that Make-Up work in a timely manner. Students will have one week to submit the make-up work from an absence.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The student's work will ONLY be graded if/when the student's absence is marked as "EXCUSED"*

Academic Dishonesty: Students are expected to be honest and ethical in their academic work. Academic dishonesty is defined as an intentional act of deception in one of the following areas:

- Cheating: use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information or study aids.
- Fabrication: falsification or invention of any information.
- Assisting: helping another commit an act of academic dishonesty.
- Tampering: altering or interfering with evaluation instruments and/or documents.
- Plagiarism: representing the words or ideas of another person as one's own.

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty: Grade of zero, parental contact, and warning from administration.

General Classroom Rules:

1. Follow instructions the first time given.
2. Raise your hand before you speak or leave your desk.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Be respectful at all times.
5. Be prepared for class.
6. Arrive to class on time.
7. No cell phones.
8. Complete assignments on time.
9. Follow the bathroom policy of the classroom.
10. Pick up the classroom before leaving.

If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is via email at jareces@materlakes.org.

Please print the last page of the syllabus. Both student and parent must fill out all information and turn in the second week of the school year (no later than August 30, 2019).

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I have read the 8th grade World History course syllabus. It will require dedication and commitment on my part to be successful. To the best of my ability I will:

- Keep up with my assignments and readings.
- Maintain my integrity by placing my name only on the work that I have done.
- Pay attention in class and be mindful of my level of participation.
- Be respectful towards myself, others, and the instructor.

Student's Name: _____ Period: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Student's Email Address (if applicable): _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

Communication is done through EMAIL during school hours. Please provide an email address that is regularly checked. Phone and in-person conferences can be scheduled in advance.