Honors World Studies

Mr. Miller

# The Course

Honors World Studies is a year-long course and is your freshman social studies requirement. This course is **REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION**. The first semester covers world history from the Enlightenment (1600s—Chapter 8) through the post World War I world and the rise of dictators in Europe (1930s—Chapter 15). Most of the history we will cover focuses on developments in Europe and those nations’ interactions with the rest of the world, though there are units specifically covering Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

Second semester, we will cover world history beginning with World War II and ending with Globalization in the modern world.

Additionally, remember that this is an *honors* level course. With this, comes higher expectations and greater responsibility on your part to master the material.

## The Text

## Mcgraw-Hill’s *World History and Geography—Modern Times*

* + The books must remain in the classroom, but you will be able to access the text and other resources digitally online.

## Expectations

In addition to the policies within the school handbook, some of my expectations for you are:

* **Come to class with a positive attitude and** **HAVE FUN!**
* **Be respectful and have good manners – treat other people, as you would like to be treated! (The Golden Rule)**
  + Use cell phones appropriately.
* Be prepared to participate and learn.
* On time and on task – use your time wisely in class
* Be responsible – You are accountable for your work. If you are absent, it is up to you to make sure you complete any assignment missed.
* No talking during announcements.
* Academic honesty and integrity is expected at all times on all assignments.

## Tardy Policy

* Be here and on-time every day. Note that anything more than 15 minutes after the bell is counted as an absence.
* Three tardies result in a detention being assigned.
* Refer to your student handbook and student emphasis forms for additional penalties if tardies become a continuous problem.

## Absence Policy

* Make up work is available for all Official absences. Remember, it is your responsibility to see me for any assignment you may have missed.
* No points can be earned for assignments missed due to an unexcused absence.
* You have as many days as you were absent to turn in make-up work.

## Materials

* You will need to come prepared with a pencil/pen, folder/binder and paper every day.

# Grading

* As an Honors course, a 4.5 grading scale will be used.
* Points will be given to assignments that include, but are not limited to, the following:
  + Tests and Quizzes
  + Writing assignments
  + Homework
  + Projects
  + Presentations
  + Group Work
  + DBQs (Document-Based Questions)
* Note taking is a requirement for this course. Periodically, I may allow you to use notes on a test or quiz.
* Late assignments will only receive partial credit, even assignments that are in your locker.
* **Important!** – I will not accept any assignment that is incomplete or of poor quality. You will get it back and it will be considered late when I do receive the complete, quality version. Therefore, the rule to follow is DO THE WORK RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!

# General Information

* If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to talk to me at any time. See me before or after class or during 5th or 7th periods. I can also be available before or after school if the need arises.
* Keep in mind you are guests in this classroom. Please be respectful and help me keep it clean.

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