

World Cultures Policies

I. Introduction to the course

World Cultures picks up where 8th grade Social Studies left off in the Middle Ages and continues through the 20th century.

II. Class Format

Each class will begin with a do-now that students are to complete upon arrival to class. From there, we could be completing readings, taking notes, discussing sources, working online, or doing reviews; however, students will be expected to participate in some form each day. Some assignments will be completed in groups while others might be paired or done independently.

III. Materials for the Course

Students should obtain the following materials: (These materials should be brought to class each day!)

- Pen and/or pencil
- Binder with paper/Notebook
- Folder
- Highlighter
- Chromebook
- Headphones

IV. General Student Expectations

Students are expected to do the following:

1. **Be present.** Come to class and Google Meets on time and ready to participate
2. **Be respectful** of others, your teacher, and materials. Listen when others are speaking without interrupting. Act appropriately during in person instruction and Google Meets.
3. **Be prepared.** Have all your materials/assignments ready when they are due.
4. **Be responsible.** Everyone is responsible for their own behavior, work, and materials. When class begins, you should start working on your do-now. When working in groups, you need to work together to complete your tasks and stay focused. These are just a few examples of being responsible in class.
5. **Be attentive.** You will need to apply what we are doing in class towards assignments, homework, quizzes, tests, and projects.

V. Absences

You are responsible for completing assigned work and attending Google Meets. If you cannot attend a Google Meet, you must check in with the teacher beforehand to let them know. Make sure you make up any work/notes you missed and check online for new assignments. Classwork and homework assignments missed due to absence will be accepted according to the school make-up policy. Students must schedule time to make-up missed tests/quizzes.

No missing/late work will be accepted after the unit test it corresponds to.

VI. Chromebooks

Remember to bring your Chromebook to and from school if you are going in-person.

Treat the Chromebook carefully. Damaging (such as picking off the keys) or mishandling the chromebook in way that causes damage could earn a referral for destruction of school property.

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VII. Cell Phones

Cell phones and personal electronic devices must be turned off and put away in accordance with the school policy.

VIII. Grading

Everything you do must be done to the best of your ability. Do not be afraid to ask for help if you are unsure of instructions. Do not wait until right before an assignment is due or the day before a test if you have questions.

Grading Breakdown

50% Long Term Assignments (Tests/Projects/Writing Assignments)

- * Tests will ALWAYS be announced, and material will be reviewed 1-2 days before the test.
- * Requirements for writing assignments and projects will be discussed when assigned.

35% Short Term Assignments (Quizzes/Small Projects/Graded Classwork)

- * Quizzes can be announced or unannounced. Unannounced quizzes may be used to determine whether homework/reading assignments have been completed.
- * Class-work consists of any task performed or assigned during a class period. Graded class-work must be made up when absent.

15 % Homework, Preparation and Participation (do-nows/closings)

- * Homework must be complete on the due date- it will be graded as complete (comp), incomplete (inc.), or missing (mis).
- * Class Participation includes the following:
 - arriving on time to class
 - being prepared for class every day
 - being respectful of others' ideas and sharing your own
 - taking an active part in all class activities
 - following all school rules and responding to direction in class

Accommodations and modifications will be provided in accordance with the individual student's 504 or Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

Looking forward to an excellent year!