



Deer Valley Unified School District



**Course Title World History Honors**

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### **Course Description:**

The World History Honors course is specifically designed to provide students with an understanding of various cultures that have existed throughout history and study their impact and contributions. The student will develop an appreciation and understanding for various cultures from Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, North and South America. The course is aligned with the state standards and district curriculum and the Common Core standards. The state standards for Social Studies may be viewed on the Arizona State Department of Education web page.

### **Course Goals & Objectives:**

1. Demonstrate and appreciation and respect for the variety of human cultures in the community, nations and world.
2. Understand the interdependence of people, places, events and issues from the past on the present and the future.
3. Exercise democratic values and personal responsibility within the community, nation and world.
4. Acquire, organize and analyze information for the purpose of making informed decisions.

### **Course Materials:**

- Blue or black pen, highlighter, red pen
- 3 ring notebook plus dividers
- Notebook paper (no spiral paper, **please!**)
- Calendar for each month (provided on web site)
- 1 classroom set of books will be supplied for the students.

### **Classroom/Course Expectations:**

**Students: Below is a list of expectations for my classroom. Please read them carefully and understand that any student who violates these class rules will be subject to appropriate discipline action. (All classroom expectations are aligned with school policies). See the student handbook.**

**No food, chewing gum, candy or drinks (except bottled water) are allowed in the classroom at any time! The room had new carpeting and I want it to remain in good condition, so please be careful.**

**No profanity. Be respectful of all your classmates and teachers. Profanity will not be tolerated. I will enforce this class rule to the fullest!**

## **Homework (Map Assignments)**

Each new unit will be introduced with a blank outlined map of the specific nations of the region. Students will be fully engaged in analyzing regions of the world.

## **Map Exams**

Approximately 1 week after introducing a new unit, students will be given a map exam which will test their knowledge of geography. The majority of these exams will be fill ins. correct spelling is a must! It will be emphasized.

## **Homework (Chapter Assessments and Vocabulary)**

Students will be given various written assignments from the text book. The majority of the work will be critical essays. Students will be given 1 week to complete the assessments. Time Management skills are a must! Students will be required to have all chapter assessments typed and include a word count. I will give further explanation when the first assessment is due.

## **Current Events Exam**

During the beginning of each semester a current events exam will be given. Students will be required to use any resource available to them, newspaper, network news, internet sites. For 1 week students must gather all pertinent information on current events. Students will be allowed to use their notes, as long as they are handwritten or their own typed notes. **No cut and pasting allowed. Your notes only!** I will show examples of prior exams. Organizational skills are a must!

## **Class Debates**

Working with a partner, students will take part in a class debate with another pair of students. Topics may range from issues currently taking place in the world dealing with political, social, and economic concerns. **Students will be given 1 week to prepare for their class debates.** Handouts will be given to all students further explaining their responsibilities. Organization and time management are a must.

## **Exams**

After completion of each unit, a unit exam will be given by the instructor. The exam will consist of lecture notes given, class discussions, outside reading from handouts and video presentations.

A comprehensive class review will be given for your benefit before most major unit exams. Exams will vary from multiple choice to essays to fill in the blanks and essay format questions.

## **Class Notebooks**

All Honors students are required to have a 3 inch, 3 ring binder notebook. This notebook is essential! The notebook will be have dividers for each specific areas, I will give you a handout on the required dividers needed. An assignment sheet will also be part of the notebook. Students will be required to keep an accurate account of their semester grade. Notebooks will be checked at the end of each semester. **It will be worth 200 points. Organization is a must!**

## **Community Service Project**

All World Honors classes are required to complete **10 hours** of community service per semester. A total of **20 hours** will be completed by the end of the school year. The maximum amount of service in one venue is 4 hours. Example a student may perform two 4 hour projects and a 2 hour project, for a total of 10 hours.

**However, students must have my approval before they volunteer for a specific project.** We have several groups that request our services each year and students are encouraged to take part. Deer Valley has a tremendous reputation for volunteer service in the community and we want to continue this great tradition. **Failure to complete all 10 hours of community service will result in a loss of ten percent from your 18 week grade!**

Time management is a must along with organizational skills. If any student organizes an event that involves 10 or more students, I will give an extra hour of community service to that student.

**Electronic Devices:** Many students want to have the privilege of carrying electronic devices on campus. With that privilege comes the responsibility of ensuring that those items are not used on campus during class or on a bus. If students are found listening to music or texting in class or otherwise not fully engaged in learning, the device will be confiscated. Misuse of electronic devices may result in disciplinary procedures in addition to the confiscation of the device.

**ID Card:** Student must visibly wear I.D. card at all times while on campus or at any school activity for the safety and security of all students.

### **Grading:**

Grading will be done on a point system. A student's total points will be divided by the total possible points in order to determine a percentage grade. The following percentage scale will be used to determine the grades:

**90-100 % = A**

**80-89 % = B**

**70-79 % = C**

**60-69 % = D**

**0-59% = F**

Final course grades are computed as 80% equaling the coursework done throughout the semester and 20% equaling the final exam portion of the grade.

### **Test Retakes**

Students may retake quizzes and tests under the following circumstances:

Students will have 1 week to retake quizzes and exams. The maximum percent allowed for retakes is a 70%.

### **Attendance:**

Deer Valley's attendance policy will be adhered to in World History Honors regarding attendance and tardies. Please refer to the student handbook. It is the responsibility of the student to receive from the instructor any missed work due to an absence.

### **Make-up Policy**

Students who have an absence which is excused have one day for each day absent to turn in missed work. Students who are marked unexcused will not receive credit for worked missed but will still receive feedback. See the student handbook for more information regarding excused and unexcused absences.

An assignment which is considered a long-term project is due on the due date and time as stated when the long-term project was assigned. Long-term projects may be turned in prior to the due date as well as parent/guardian may turn in at the front desk.

### **Extra Credit**

A student may earn up to **4%** per semester doing extra credit. Extra credit may consist of movie critiques and various writing assignments. Take advantage of this !!

## **Responsibility Factor**

One area that will continuously be stressed is student responsibility. As Honors students you will be asked to go above and beyond the minimum school requirements. If you are absent from class for any length of time you will need to e-mail me or leave a message on my voice mail. It is included with the syllabus. My goal is not to have you fall behind in your courses if you are absent from class.

## **Tutoring**

Please make arrangements with me if you need extra help or have concerns. I am available to assist you before or after school.

## **Late work**

Work is expected to be submitted on the due date, during class. The Social Studies department policy is that **late work turned in at the end of the school day, on the due date, may receive half credit.**

## **Students**

I hope this syllabus will help answer questions and provide useful information about the class. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with me. My goal is to make this your most enjoyable class. One that is challenging and offers great class discussion. **Have a great school year!!**

Please sign below and place the syllabus in your World History Notebook after I verify the appropriate signatures.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_