

WORLD HISTORY

Pickens High School

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COURSE OVERVIEW

All Pickens High Students are required to pass a World History Class to graduate. This course fills that requirement. The high school world history course provides students with a comprehensive, intensive study of major events and themes in world history. Students begin with a study of the earliest civilizations worldwide and continue to examine major developments and themes in all regions of the world. This course culminates in a study of change and continuity and globalization at the beginning of the 21st century.

CLASS READINGS

- Class Readings will be given every day from different materials.
 - Additional primary source readings will be provided in class throughout the school year.
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GRADING AND ASSIGNMENT POLICY

A final percentage will be calculated at the end of each semester based on the following percentages:

- *Tests-Summative* (60%): Tests will be a combination of multiple choice, matching, and short answer
- *Daily Grades-Formative* (40%)-homework, class work, notebook, group work, class participation, etc.

At the end of each semester your overall grade will be determined by the following

- *Cumulative Semester Average* (80%)-Your semester average made up of the above Test (Summative), and Daily Grades (Formative).
- *Final Exam* (20%)-A comprehensive final will be given at the end of each semester.

The standard grading scale applies to World History:

90%-100%=A

80%-89% =B

70%-79% =C

0%-69% =F

Final Exemption Policy:

To be offered the opportunity to exempt a final exam, a student must:

- Have **zero** absences for the entire semester in that class and a semester average for that class of at least an **80**.
- Have not more than **one** absence for the entire semester in that class and a semester average for that class of at least an **85**.

- Have no more than **two** absences for the entire semester in that class and a semester average for that class of at least a **90**.
 - Have no more than **three** absences for the entire semester in that class and a semester average for that class of at least a **95**.
 - Be free and clear of all fines, charges, etc.
 - Being suspended from school, assigned to ISS, or having more than five tardies and/or early checkouts or a combination of both in any class during the semester makes a student ineligible for exemption.
- (Note, this policy does not include any course that requires an EOC/Milestone assessment; those are always mandatory)

ABSENCES

- The best way to do well in any class is to BE THERE. Excessive absences will affect your grade.
- If absent, you are responsible for finding out what you missed. Ask another student or the teacher to find out what you missed.
- Make up work is for excused absences only! It is your responsibility to find out what you missed and to make it up on time.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- Classroom Rules:
 - **Responsibility:**
 1. Always come prepared for this class.
 2. Always do your own work.
 3. There should be no personal grooming during class time.
 - **Respect:**
 1. No cursing or teasing other students.
 2. DO NOT talk while the teacher or another student is speaking.
 3. DO NOT pack up your things before the bell rings.
 4. No food, drinks, or GUM permitted in class, with the exception of bottled water.
 5. You may only use your cell phone when the teacher allows it. **No use of headphones is allowed.**
 - **Safety:**
 1. Stay in your seat unless you are given permission to get up.
- I expect you to act appropriately and maturely. Know that I am not here to pick on you nor do I have time to nag you unnecessarily. If I give you a direction, I expect you to follow it without argument. Any questions or problems can be discussed privately before or after class, or after school.
- The 3 R's:

Responsibility-each student has the ability to succeed in this class as well as life. I will teach you the skills you need to succeed at Pickens High School and in college, but it is YOUR responsibility to put this information to good use (be present, attentive, and prepared.)

Respect-all students will show respect towards other people's opinion, person, and property. This means LISTENING to ideas and opinions that are different from your own and accepting the right of others to voice that idea or opinion.

Remember, just because something is different does not mean it is wrong. **Rights**-each student that enters my classroom has the right to expect my full attention to the lesson at hand in addition to working in a safe classroom atmosphere that encourages learning. If any student chooses to interfere with my teaching or another student's learning, I reserve the right to ask that student to leave my classroom (followed by an appropriate consequence).

These are the possible consequences. They will be assigned based upon the situation, severity of the violation, and history of misbehavior.

1. Verbal warning
2. Seat change
3. Ask to leave classroom
4. Call home and/or referral

CHEATING

Any type of cheating, on tests/quizzes or plagiarism in papers, is unacceptable. The occurrence of cheating will result in a referral and a 1 on the assignment.

Plagiarism

- Students who have plagiarized any portion of their written work shall receive a grade of a 1. For the first offense a student may rewrite the assignment for a grade no higher than a 70.
- Each offense after the first, the student will receive a 1 with no rewrite.

Students: Please sign on the following line to show me that you have read and understand my syllabus. By signing it shows me that you know and understand what is expected of you.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents: In order for me to know that you have talked about the rigor and challenges of this class with your child, please sign on the line below:

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

In order for me to be able to contact parents if I need to please fill out the following information:

Phone number where I can reach you: _____

E-mail address: _____