Lexington High School

Western Civilization
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Course Description: This course will give you an understanding and appreciation of the people, events, and ideas of Western Civilization. We will analyze the ideas, people and subsequent events that shaped the ideas that affect the modern nations of the Western world.

Required Materials: iPad, charger, and something to write with.

Classroom Rules:

1. You are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct and School Wide Agreements.

2. You are expected to treat the teacher and other students with respect at all times. Offensive language and/or rude behavior are not acceptable in this class.

3. You are expected to be in your assigned seat and prepared for class when the bell rings.

4. You are responsible for contacting me if you have missed class to determine any assignments/tests you need to make up.

5. No food, candy, flavored drinks, or gum.

6. You are not allowed to use your cell phone during class. See the Cell Phone and Other Electronic Device Policy (Policy 6025) section in our student handbook.

Themes & Guiding Questions:

1st Semester

1. Power relationship between Kings of Europe and Roman Catholic Church
2. Power relationship between Kings of Europe and Nobility of Europe
3. Evolution of the Medieval Man, to the Renaissance Man to the Scientific Man

2nd Semester

1. Absolutism/Totalitarianism vs. Democratic Ideas
2. Development and interaction of Nationalism, Militarism, and Imperialism
3. Evolution of the Scientific Man to the Enlightened Man to the Modern Man

Course Outline:

1st Semester

1. Western Religions: Judaism/Christianity/Islam
2. Emergence of the Nation States of England, France, and Germany (smaller states)

3. Renaissance
4. Reformation
5. Age of Exploration and Colonization
6. Scientific Revolution

2nd Semester

1. Absolutism and the Enlightenment
2. French Revolution & Napoleon
3. Age of ideologies
4. The World Wars
5. The Cold War to the Present

Grading

Assignments:

Daily/Weekly Reading selections- you will be assigned reading assignments that will need to be completed before the next class period. You will not be graded for this, but it is expected that the material will be read.

Assessments:

Quizzes- will be given on Monday of every week over material from the previous week.
Semester Paper/Test- you will write a paper for your semester test-more instructions to follow.
Participation/Presentations/Projects- you will participate in different projects and presentations throughout the school year.

Missing assignments/tests and late work- will be marked as missing and entered in as a 0 in the grade book until turned in. Any late work that is turned in will receive no higher than a 70%.

Weekly journal = 35%
Participation = 15%
Quizzes = 40%
Presentations/Projects = 10%

Total 100%

"Semester Test" Grade (will count 10% per semester)
– Q1 Grades + Q2 Grades = 90% of the First Semester Grade; Semester Test = 10%
– Q3 Grades + Q4 Grades = 90% of the Second Semester Grade; Semester Test = 10%

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating or plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. If a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating they will receive an automatic zero on the assignment, quiz, test, etc.

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Student & Parent/Guardian Signature page

By signing this, you agree that you have seen and read the syllabus for Western Civilization for your son/daughter and are aware of the course objectives and classroom rules/management.

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Student's Signature Today's Date

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Parent's Signature Today's Date

Please fill out the easiest way for Ms. Holloway to get in contact with you. Email/Phone call and names of people being contacted.

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