

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, a 2 or 3-inch three ring binder, pen/pencil/
positive attitude

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. When the bell rings, you must be in your SEAT working on the bell ringer. Please keep all bell work for a unit in the same place in your binder as it will be checked over by the teacher.
4. Do not disrupt anyone's opportunity to learn.
5. You are responsible for contacting me if you have missed class to determine any assignments/tests you need to make up.
6. No food, candy, or flavored drinks, ONLY WATER.
7. No headphones. **If headphones are in use they will be taken away for the duration of the class period and you will have to serve a detention to get them back.**
8. 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. **If you are caught using your cell phone you will not be able to get it back until you serve a detention.**

Classroom procedures:

- 1) We will be doing something in this class every day! Do not ask for free days.
- 2) To leave the room for any reason, you must ask me (at an appropriate time) and take the pass with you. No one will be permitted to leave the room in the first 10 or last 5 minutes of class. There will be a log book that all students must sign in and out on.
- 3) Stay in your seats until the bell rings, we do not line up at the door.

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:

Reading selections- you will be assigned reading assignments that will need to be completed before the next class period. Some of these readings will have attached questions that will be graded.

Vocabulary- you will need to keep a notebook of the vocabulary that we discuss, which will help you with your semester exam.

Assessments:

Quizzes- will be given throughout the semester. **You are not able to retake your quizzes.**

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%.

Homework = 30%

Participation = 15% (Being respectful, arriving at class on time, bell work, etc.)

Quizzes = 40%

Presentations/Projects = 15%

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. The student will not have the chance to redo the assignment, quiz, test, etc.