**Modern World History Course Syllabus**

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{Please note: *Each period 1-4 day is referred to Group A or Group B. The terms and conditions of the syllabus are subject to minor adjustments and changes, at the teacher’s discretion, due to the unforeseen circumstance of the COVID19 pandemic}*

**Course Description/ Overview**

In addition to focusing on national Common Core history and social science standards and the Nevada state social studies inquiry standards (all of which emphasize critical historical thinking and writing skills), this course will focus on the significant events, people, and ideas of western and non-western civilizations from approximately 1300 CE (common era) to the present. Students will view themselves and their own identities relative to the changes in political, economic, social, cultural, and geographic developments of contemporary history since 1500 C.E.

It is Ms. Rogers’ goal to see every student:

1. Engage as a productive member of the classroom community on *all* assignments/activities
2. ***Complete every other 1-4 day’s distance learning work but checking Ms. Rogers’ website, NearPod, and TEAMS . This is MANDATORY work. You WILL fall behind if you do not complete this work. You will either being doing your distance learning with Group A or Group B for 1-4 days.***
3. Develop critical historical thinking and writing skills
4. Have fun!

Students will study the following major units\* in world history. All curriculum pacing is approximate.

1. Societies of Faith
2. Kingdoms of Asia
3. Spirit of Discovery
4. Revolutions
5. Poverty & Prosperity
6. Imperialism
7. Early 20th Century Conflict
8. Economic Crisis & WWII

**Classroom Conduct**

In addition to AACT-wide school rules, students are expected to abide by the following rules at all times:

1. Be prompt-- ex: be on time, in your seat, ready to learn when class begins
2. Be polite-- ex: be respectful to classmates and the teachers
3. Be open-minded-- ex: respect others’ viewpoints/theories/philosophies and be open to participating in all sorts of class activities
4. Be prepared-- ex: bring your HW and something with which to write
5. Be engaged-- ex: take part in all class activities and have a *positive attitude* doing so; ask engaging questions

**A Note About Phones**

Ms. Rogers’ philosophy is that using phones in class is a privilege that is earned. There is a time and place for having your phone out, and as young adults, students need to cultivate the social and professional skill of knowing when and where it is appropriate to be on their phones in a formal setting. It is entirely inappropriate to have a phone out while Ms. Rogers is lecturing, giving instructions, or while *any* sort of education content is being presented-- this includes film clips, PowerPoint presentations, or any sort of activity or assignment on which students have been asked to focus (whether it's group work or an independent reading assignment). Accordingly, ***Ms. Rogers does not want to see phones at inappropriate times and will not hesitate to confiscate, if so.***

**Plagiarism**

Ms. Rogers’ hope is that this issue never arises in this class. However, it does need to be addressed. Plagiarism is a very serious form of cheating and has a broader definition than simply copying entire passages of someone else’s published work. **ANY ACT of plagiarism will impact all parties included.** You may NOT:

* Copy another’s work (including homework!), whole or in part, published or unpublished
* Cut and paste from a few resources, bridging gaps with your own words
* Copy and then change some of the words or the order of words
* Copy an idea/insight and claim it as your own or imply that it was yours
* Fail to give credit to sources of information, opinion or phraseology

**Attendance Policy**

Students who do not come to class will receive an unverified absence, unless otherwise excused. Absences are considered unexcused unless parent/guardian notification is provided to appropriate authorities (usually Ms. Jensen) here at AACT. A tardy is considered unexcused unless a valid pass is presented to the teacher upon arrival to class. A student will be marked tardy if he/she is not in his/her seat when the bell rings. ***It is a student’s responsibility to obtain and complete all missed work when he or she is absent. Just because an absence is verified does NOT mean you are excused from missed work.***

**Absent/ Late Work Policy**

Work that is not turned in during the class period in which it is due, may be accepted late for up to 10 school days (2 weeks) after the original due date for 50% off the earned grade. After 2 weeks, the grade is a final zero. Please turn all late work into the bin labeled. ***If a student misses class, s/he should refer to the class web page or the “absent binder” for missed handouts. It is the student’s responsibility to collect the missed work as soon as possible.***

**Class Web Site**

Ms. Rogers uses her class web site on a regular basis and **students are expected to check it daily.**

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**Final Exam**

The final exams (semester and end-of-year) are each worth is 20% of your final grade for that semester. Exams are cumulative.

**Supplies**

* 1 (one) 1 inch to 1.5 inch 3-ring binder to be divided as follows:
  + Section 1: Warm-ups (be sure to date each warm-up!)
  + Section 2: Table of Contents/Handouts (placed in the order in which they are received)
* Binder paper/notebook paper
* Highlighters
* #2 pencils (essential for test/quiz days!)
* Blue/black ink pens (work in colored ink will not be accepted)

**Reading Materials**

Our textbook is *World History: Patterns of Interaction* published by McDougal Little. However, the majority of the course reading will focus on separate readings, primary documents, scholarly articles, and current events provided in class or posted on the class web site. The textbooks will be a good resource for defining key terms.

**Assignments/Extra Credit**

It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of his/her grade throughout the ***entire*** semester. Ms. Rogers does not want students coming to her the last week of the semester and asking how s/he may bring his/her grade up. Students should be keeping a desirable average in the class ***all semester long.*** Students need to check Infinite Campus (IC) on a regular (weekly) basis to ensure that their grade is satisfactory.

When a student is absent, his or her missed work will be entered in IC as a “missing” or “M”, even if it is an excused absence. See the “absent binder” and class web page for missed work. Once the work is turned in, the “missing” will disappear.

Extra Credit will be given at the teacher’s discretion when deemed necessary. Extra credit will not be given with all assignments and it will not necessarily be given simply because it is requested.

**Honors World History Syllabus Student and Parent/ Guardian Agreement**

***\*\*\*This is to be signed by the end of the first week of school for a grade.\*\*\****

***Keep the first pages of this syllabus as page #1 of your notebook (Table of Contents).***

***I have read and agree to the content of this syllabus.***

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Please provide a parent/guardian email address which is checked on a regular basis:

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