

# World History

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## Course Description:

World History is a freshman level course designed to establish in the mind of the student the preeminence of God in the affairs of man throughout history. This course will cover the major historical events starting with the creation of civilizations and ending with modern times. It is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to gain a richer understanding of our Christian heritage while developing the academic skills necessary for upper level history courses. The student will work to develop critical thinking and reasoning skills.

## Objectives:

### Students will:

- Collect, evaluate, and analyze information from multiple primary and secondary sources
- Synthesize the connections between particular historical events and the larger social, economic, and political trends of the time
- Develop critical thinking skills by interpreting and analyzing multiple materials including maps, graphs, art, and political cartoons
- Effectively demonstrate the skills of cause and effect, comparison and contrast as applied to people groups, events and themes
- Cultivate an enthusiasm for history and world events
- Reflect on how Christianity has shaped civilization, and how our role as Christ followers promotes Christian belief and theology (See Educational Philosophy, p. 3)

## Course Outline:

### 1st Quarter:

Unit 1: Early Civilizations

Unit 2: Regional Civilizations

Topic chosen for History/English research paper

### 2nd Quarter:

Unit 3: Early Modern Times

Unit 4: Revolution

Outline due for History/English research paper

### 3rd Quarter:

Unit 5: Industrialism/Global New Age

Unit 6: World Wars and Revolutions

### 4th Quarter:

Totalitarianism, WW II, and The World Since 1945

Materials needed for class:

- Student iPad and charging cord
- Folders with three hole punch that you can store maps and handouts in
- Pencils/ pens/ highlighters/ colored pencils
- Extra lined paper
- Wired headphones (for some videos on the iPad) wireless AirPods will not be allowed during class.

Grading:

Homework	10%
Classwork and class participation	10%
Slides and notes	20%
Quizzes and Tests	30%
Projects and Papers	30%

Special projects and Papers:

This year, the English and History departments will work together on a research paper. Students are expected to produce quality writing in History on par with what one would turn into an English teacher. Students will have written assignments that require research and rigor.

The average student day is a combination of teacher lecture, written student response, group or paired discussion and classroom discussion.

Use of I pads:

Students will need their iPad daily in this class. Please make sure to bring all of the required materials every day.

Turning in assignments:

**Google Classroom** is the platform for assigning and turning in written assignments. The only exceptions to this rule will be research papers, which will be turned into “**turnitin.com**” If students email or share documents with the teacher rather than turning them in through Google classroom, a 10% deduction in grade may result, based on teacher discretion.

Late work:

If work is submitted late, a 10% deduction in grade will result. Work that is more than one week late may have deducted 50% from the overall score. It is the student’s responsibility to check Renweb regularly and complete work if absent. Classwork and homework will be posted on Renweb at the beginning of the week. In addition, my lecture slides and any needed notes will be available for students on Google Classroom beginning the day it is presented to the class. If you have a planned absence, please plan to turn in any missing assignments as soon as you return. You are also required to complete notes presented in class, even if you were not in class at the time. Please make sure that you have the name and number of a few students that you

can text or email if you need to pick up notes. If I have graded an assignment and you have not turned it in for whatever reason, you will have until the end of the quarter to complete the assignment, but with deductions as mentioned above. **I also reserve the right to enter late work at any time up until one week before the end of the quarter.**

Posting quizzes and tests on Renweb:

It often takes a few days for Renweb to reflect the student's grade accurately. Quizzes and tests will be recorded as soon as possible. The student will have an opportunity in class to see what they have missed and appeal their grade before final grades are posted at the end of the quarter. Students will also be able to retake a major test IF their original grade is 70% or below. Both scores will be averaged for your final score/grade.

Rewrites: Students scoring 70% or below will be allowed one week to rewrite any outline/paper or essay test to raise their grade. Both scores will be averaged for your final score/grade.

Textbooks:

Each student will be assigned a textbook. This book is to remain at home and to be used for homework. We have a class set of textbooks and the student does not need to bring their textbook to class. Extra copies may not be borrowed from the classroom.

More information about grading:

All students can succeed in my classroom if they try their best and turn in all of their work. The opposite is also true; the easiest way to see your grade plummet is to neglect your classwork and homework. If you are absent, please make up any assignments completed in class, even if nothing is immediately due.

Note regarding printing:

Mrs. Ottmer is not able to print your documents for you. If you have an assigned paper due and it is to be printed, the student center can print your document for a fee.

## Classroom Rules and Expectations

Students are expected to follow all of the rules and regulations outlined in the BCHS student handbook.

1. Students need to be seated with materials in hand before the tardy bell rings.
2. Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class.
3. All backpacks need to be placed in the back of the classroom once daily materials have been removed.
4. Ipad usage should be pertinent to World History.
5. Students are expected to work on the tasks assigned by the teacher. Studying or working on homework for another class is not allowed.
6. Eating during class is prohibited.
7. Water is the only beverage allowed at your desk.
8. Please sit with your eyes, ears, and body focused on the teacher. Headphones should remain in your backpack during class.
9. Please remove hoods in class or online daily.
10. Please ask permission before leaving the classroom for any reason.
11. Be kind and respectful toward others and the teacher. It is never too late to do the right thing. Any bullying, either in the classroom or online will not be tolerated.

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Please sign and return this paper to Mrs. Ottmer.

I have read and understand the information, policies and expectations covered in the syllabus and agree to follow them:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_