

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
Syllabus
World History & Geography II

Fall 2009- Spring 2010

Textbook: World History: Modern Times, Spielvogel

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World History

This is a year-long course designed to provide students with an examination of modern world history and geography. Students will begin with an exploration of the Middle-Ages, and will continue on through the Renaissance, Reformation, Industrialization, European and American Revolution and Imperialism. We will explore the geography as well as the social and political forces that shaped the regions of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Written text and class instruction will be supplemented by films, songs, art, primary documents and contemporary literature. Students will be held to high standards and daily participation will ensure a greater understanding of the topics we cover.

Required Materials (EVERYDAY!!!)

- 1) One three ring binder- must have by August 31, 2009.
- 2) Pens/Pencils
- 3) Paper

Students:

- No hats, cell phones, I-Pods or other electronic devices are permitted in class. These items will be taken away and turned over to the Dean of Students. A parent or guardian will need to come pick them up.
- No gum, food or drinks in class (water bottles are acceptable).

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory (*Remember, a block day is counted as two class periods*). When students arrive late to class they are expected to sign in on the tardy role, otherwise they will remain marked absent. An excused tardy and or absence must be approved by the front office. Five or more unexcused absences in an advisory will automatically result in an "F" grade for the class. Three Tardies is equal to one absence.

Late Work and Make -Up Policy:

I do not accept late work. Students must be on time to class in order for their homework to be considered on time. All assignments are to be complete at the beginning of class. If a student's absence has been excused by the Dean of Students, then they will have an appropriate amount of time to make up the missing assignments. Students will lose 10% of their project grade each day the assignment is late.

Grading:

Class Work/ Homework.....	30%
Individual and Group Projects.....	25%
Tests.....	25%
Quizzes.....	10%
Notebook Check	10%

Grades (According to DCPS Standards):

A = 93-100	C = 73-76
A- = 90-92	C- = 70-72
B+ = 87-89	D+ = 67-69
B = 83-86	D = 64-66
B- = 80-82	F = 63 and below
C+ = 77-79	

Parents, please email me with any questions you may have. Concerns and issues will best be resolved if not left till the end of the advisory. I look forward to a wonderful school year with each student.

Natalie Bruford
August 24, 2009