

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

World History & Geography II Syllabus

Fall 2011- Spring 2012

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Textbook: World History: Modern Times, Spielvogel. Each student will keep a textbook at home and return it in June.

World History

This is a year-long course designed to provide students with an examination of world history and geography. We will extensively study the regions of Africa, The Middle East, Asia, Europe and The Americas throughout the year. Each advisory will be divided into specific time periods.

Advisory 1: 8000 B.C.E.-1450 C.E. (review from 9th grade)

Advisory 2: 1450 - 1750

Advisory 3: 1750 – 1914

Advisory 4: 1914 – Present

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
- 2) Advisory Calendar
- 3) Pens/Pencils
- 4) Paper

Engrade: Each student will have an engrade account that will allow them to have access to their grade so long as they have an internet connection. Their code will be passed out to them by the second week of class. Students are expected to register within a week. Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to create their own account using their student's access code as soon as possible so that they are continually aware of the progress their student is making. Aside from parent teacher conferences engrade is the best way to communicate with me.

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 excused 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 advisory. Three tardies are equal to one absence.

Late Work and Make -Up Policy:

Students must be on time to class in order for their homework to be considered on time. All assignments are to be complete by 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 be permitted to submit late work **only** if they have completed and attach the required make-up work to the original assignment. All make-up work can be found on engrade.com. **Students will earn a maximum of half credit for all unexcused late work.**

Grading Breakdown:

Class Work/ Homework.....	35%
Tests/Quizzes.....	35%
Projects/Essay.....	20%
Notebook Check	10%

Grades:

A = 93-100	C = 73-76.9
A- = 90-92.9	C- = 70-72.9
B+ = 87-89.9	D+ = 67-69.9
B = 83-86.9	D = 63-66.0
B- = 80-82.9	F = 62.9-0
C+ = 77-79.9	

Parents, please contact 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
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