



MODERN WORLD HISTORY – HONORS, 2016-2017

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Welcome to Modern World History! This course examines world history from the Scientific Revolution through present day. The class is designed to teach students to interpret and analyze the impact of significant world events. As we investigate a variety of historical figures, places and events, we will continually seek not only to gain a global perspective, but also to make connections to the world today. You will be asked to share your viewpoint on world events, both past and present, through class discussion, projects, activities, writing, and debate.

General Class Guidelines

Materials Needed

- ◆ **Text:** The textbook for this class is Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction. Your textbook should be brought home, and brought to class only when asked. You should cover your textbook if you bring it to school regularly.

Notebook: Each student must bring his/her notebook to every class. The best notebook to have is a 3-ring binder divided into two sections:

- (1) **chapter notes/assignments/tests and quizzes**— Your chapter notes should be outlines of what you read. Use the headings within the chapter to keep these notes organized. In addition, take notes during class discussions and on any additional assignments. Within your notebook, keep notes, primary source documents and assignments from the same chapter together.
- (2) **general handouts**— This section should include handouts that are not specific to any one chapter, such as writing guides and research paper assignments.

An alternative to the 3-ring binder is the use of a single-subject spiral-bound notebook *and* folder that together come to class every day. They should be organized as closely to the description above as possible.

Grades

Quarterly grades are divided into several categories. The point values for each of the assignments within each category will vary. **Tests and papers are 50% of your grade, classwork is 25% and homework is 25%.**

There may be opportunities for extra credit throughout the term. Let me know if you are concerned about your grade, and we can figure out an appropriate assignment.

Classwork

Participation in class discussion and activities is an important component of your term grade. Be prepared for class by completing the “Do Now” and having your notebook and a pen or pencil on your desk at the start of class. When working in groups, or during class discussions, listen to each other, respect each other’s ideas, and do not interrupt. It is imperative that you raise your hand when you have something to say.

Homework

Your homework needs to be done completely and finished on time. Homework will most often consist of reading and taking notes from the textbook. The homework schedule for each chapter is outlined on the chapter guide that you receive at the start of each chapter. (Additional copies of the chapter guide are available on www.msgalvin.com.) I will generally monitor homework by collecting assignments and in-class notebook checks. Remember, any copying of homework notes is a form of plagiarism.

Tests and Papers

Each term there will be several chapter tests. These tests will contain a variety of assessments including multiple choice questions and essays.

Throughout the year there will be one major writing assignment and many smaller writing assignments. The assignments will include one traditional research paper (during the second semester). You are expected to write papers that show solid research, proper documentation and a clear analysis of your thesis. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.

Attendance and Punctuality

Get to class on time and be ready to start class when the bell rings. If you must be late to class have a pass. Being frequently late to class without a pass may result in detentions. Be aware that every 3rd unexcused tardy counts as an absence.

Attendance is taken at the beginning of every class. Refer to your student handbook for the policy regarding the number of absences allowed throughout the school year.

If you have an unexcused absence from class you will receive a zero averaged into your classwork grade **and** will make up class time either before or after school. Students should not miss class for class events, guidance appointments, talking to other teachers/friends/etc. without my approval beforehand. If you are in school but miss class without my approval it will be considered an unexcused class absence.

Electronics

The school rules regarding electronics are enforced in this classroom. If they are seen *or* heard, they will be taken and given to an administrator.

Late Assignments

It is your responsibility to find out missed assignments and to follow up with me. If you are legitimately absent from school you may hand in your work, for full-credit, one class after you return to school. You should have contact information for a classmate so you can get missed assignments before returning to school. If you know ahead of time that you will miss school, get the assignments in advance and hand them in when you return. If you miss class because of a field trip, work will not be accepted late—hand work in before you leave and find out what you will miss in class.

If you miss a test or quiz you must make it up promptly. Make-up tests will not be given during class time. I expect every student to take a test within one week of the test date. If you do not make up a test or a quiz within the allotted time period, you will receive a zero.

If you are unprepared for class, you may hand in assignments one class late for reduced credit.

A Few Miscellaneous Comments...

- You will succeed in this class if you put in your best effort in class and on at-home assignments.
- Again, make sure that you respect other people's opinions—that's the best way to make sure that your opinions are respected too.
- Personal honor and integrity are important. Do not be tempted to plagiarize or copy another person's homework, essays or work in class. There will be serious repercussions.
- Helpful class information can be found on my website: www.msgalvin.com
- Seek help when you need it either by asking questions in class or coming after school. If you want to talk to me outside of class, either stop by the classroom (E211) or make an appointment. I am available after school most days until 2:40. You can also email me regarding school matters at sgalvin@framingham.k12.ma.us.