

Geneseo High School
Class Syllabus

Course: World History

Teacher: Mr. Mike Harrington

Course Length: World History is offered in 2 semesters students may choose to take one semester or both

Materials:

You should come to class everyday with your textbook, a spiral notebook, pen/pencil and notebook paper. The textbook is *Glencoe, Spielvogel Glencoe, 2010. ISBN # 978-0-07-879981-5*

Course Description:

World History is a social studies elective. The first semester of world history is geared towards ancient civilization. The second semester of world history begins with the Renaissance and ends with WWII.

Course Content and Learning Objectives:

Semester 1 Units of Study Include:

- * Pre-History
- * Egypt and the Fertile Crescent
- * Ancient Greece
- * Rome
- * Middle Ages

Semester 2 Units of Study Include:

- * The Renaissance
- * Exploration / Absolutism
- * The English Civil War
- * The French Revolution
- * The industrial Revolution
- * WWI
- * WWII

Each quarter we will have 2-3 tests worth approximately 100 points depending on the length of the chapter. It is crucial that you prepare for these tests in advance. There will be an in class review on the day before an exam. Quizzes will also be given during each chapter.

Daily/weekly assignments, grading procedures, and special projects :

On most days, you will be assigned homework. Homework is always due the next day at the *beginning* of class unless otherwise specified. Most homework assignments will be between 5- 15 points.

Late Work Policy:

If you are late turning in work the equivalent of 25% or 2 points per day will be deducted. 3-5 days late a maximum of 50% credit will be given. ** Work is late if it is being finished at the start of class or is turned in after the initial collection. Late projects will result in a loss of 1 letter grade per day. Late work is to be labeled as late and placed in the black letter tray on the bookshelf in the back of the room.

Make-Up Work:

It is your responsibility to contact the teacher to obtain any work missed and schedule any make-up tests or quizzes. All policies in the student handbook concerning make-up work will be followed. If you do not make up work within the specified number of days a zero will be recorded. Remember, if you have ISS or a field trip YOU need to get your assignments and turn in your homework. Label make-up work as ABSENT and place it in the black letter tray on the bookshelf in the back of the room. Failure to label you work as absent may result it point deductions.

Participation:

Participation is worth 20 points each quarter. Things that will detract from your grade may include, but are not limited to: being unprepared or uncooperative in class, sleeping, being off task, not actively participating in large and small group discussion, failure to take notes. ** These

are not free points if you have excessive absences you will be given an assignment to make up the points**

Grading:

All grading will be done on a point system. Each quarter grade will be determined by dividing total number of points earned by total number of points possible. The percentage grade from each quarter will count as 40% of the semester grade. The semester exam will count as 20% of the final grade.

Grading Scale:

A+ 99-100%	A 95-98%	A- 93-94%
B+ 91-92%	B 87-90%	B- 85-86%
C+ 83-84%	C 79-82%	C- 77-78%
D+ 75-76%	D 71-74%	D- 69-70%
F 68%↓		