**World Studies Course Syllabus**

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**Textbook**

Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction

**Calculation of Grades**

All tests and assignments will be weighted equally by points scored.

**Semester Grade Percentages**

Semester 85%

Semester Exam 15%

**Grading Scale**

90-100=A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D; Below 60=F.

**Objectives**

This course is designed to enable students to make informed decisions about the world they live in. By studying cultures, scientific discoveries, and belief systems they will be able to better understand the complexities of living in an interdependent world.

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Describe the major developments and turning points of classical civilizations.
2. Explain the major impacts and turning points of the rising new civilizations and the impact they have on current events.
3. Identify the important events and developments of the Renaissance.
4. Understand the important developments of the Age of Revolution.
5. Assess the major developments and turning points of the Era of Global War and the impact it continues to have on current events.
6. Reflect upon choices humans have made in the past and consider how choices made today may affect the future.

**Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty is defined as plagiarism (stealing another’s work without giving proper credit to the source) or cheating on the exam. Either may result in an automatic “F” for the assignment or exam and/or a disciplinary referral to the office. Ignorance of what constitutes plagiarism is not an excuse. Come see me if you have any doubts.

**Classroom Behavior**

While in class students will model the 3 “pillars” of MHS

**Respect**: Respect yourself, Respect others, and Respect your school.

**Responsibility**: Be prepared, Make positive choices, Follow rules and expectations.

**Safety**: Care for yourself, Care for others, Care for MHS

These Pillars include but are not limited to:

1. Be on time and prepared with all items needed
2. Show Respect at all times
3. Pay attention and take notes during instruction
4. Work Responsibly (work on assignments during allowed class time)
5. Be honest and do the right thing
6. Only bottled water will be allowed in class (no other food or drink will be tolerated)

**Student Responsibility**

If a student is absent from class they will have 3 days to complete all missed work. After 3 days, any assignment and/or exams not yet completed will be recorded as a 0 in the grade book.

Late work will be accepted for 10% off each day the work is late.

It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements to make up a missed exam.

It is the student’s responsibility to check their grade for this class. If a student has a question or concern about a grade they should make arrangements to meet with the instructor.

It is the responsibility of the student to be on time and prepared for class daily.