

World Studies

World History & World Literature

Course Description

Welcome to World Studies.

World Studies English 2 includes the traditional reading, writing, and studying found in any English class. Throughout the year, we will work on writing, grammar, vocabulary, essays, literature, presentations, research and projects. We will read several novels and plays including William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* (1623), Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1929) and Elie Wiesel's *Night* (1958).

World Studies History will focus on Globalization, the Enlightenment Period, Revolutions, Industrialization, Imperialism, World Wars 1 & 2, Cold War, Middle East and Contemporary Global issues. We will use the textbook *History Alive! World Connections*. It adopts a "big picture" view of world history, stepping back to see the world as an interconnected whole. It provides details about specific countries and regions, but presents those details in a larger, cross-regional and global context. While highlighting the world's diversity, it also makes connections and comparisons across cultures. It examines history from a global perspective, seeking to identify common patterns in historical events around the world. World history is the discovery of what makes each of us different, and yet alike. It is the celebration of what and who came before us and the quest to find the linkage with the future. Our rich histories are the cornerstone of our identities, as an individual and as a nation. History is the study of humans, and as such it is not an exact science with absolute answers but rather an endless search for answers. In this World History course we will examine political, cultural, social, diplomatic and military events during the modern era. We will examine the growth of democratic traditions, the role Industrialization plays in the expansion of western powers and their conflicts.

Classroom Procedures & Expectations: Be Respectful & Do Your Best

- Bring school supplies to class! Single-subject, spiral-bound, 8½ x 11 college-ruled, 70+ pages notebook for World History. Notebook for English 2. Pens, pencils, highlighters. Bring books, pens, notebooks, and paper to class every day. Your notebooks will be collected.
- Please respect every person in the class as well as the personal space and property of others. Please treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- Please do not use any hurtful words or tones. Use an "inside voice." Please do not be offensive in your words.
- Cell phones can be used appropriately as educational tools. Please do not play games or visit social media during class. Please do not take photos of people without their permission. Your earphones should be out of your ears during class.
- We will work until the end of the period. Please do not line up at the door.
- Attendance is important. Please be in class and on time! On time means sitting in your desk ready to work when the bell rings, not slipping through the door! Communicate with your teachers and classmates if you are absent.

- Do your homework; there will be very little homework, but occasionally you will need to read, study or finish an assignment at home.
- You may use the bathroom pass to use the restroom when necessary. Please do not abuse the bathroom privileges. Each visit to the restroom should take only about five minutes. Please sign out & in correctly with full name, date & time.
- Each classroom also has a hall pass. You may use this with teacher permission. Please sign out & in correctly with name, date & time.
- You may eat in class as long as you are neat. You will not be allowed to eat if there are spills and messes left in the classroom.

Academic Grading Policy

Your grade will be determined by adding scores from final exams, quizzes, tests, presentations, assignments, projects, your notebook, writing and essays. Big projects and tests will be worth more than small assignments. Please speak with Mr. Dunn & Mrs. Johnson if you need more time before a due date. Assignments turned in on time may be improved and revised. 40% of the total possible points will be entered in the gradebook for missing assignments (not tests). 50% will be the score for late, incomplete or very poor quality work.

Projects: Individual and group projects as well as other assignments are due on the date that is announced when the assignment is given. In other words, an absence is not an excuse for an individual or group not turning in an assignment or project. So, please understand **YOUR PROJECTS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS ON THE DUE DATE.** If you are absent due to an emergency, make arrangements to get your project to school.

Grading Scale:

90–100% A 80–89% B 70–79% C 60–69% D 0–59% F

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World Studies – English: Text **@wse1819** to 81010

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We are looking forward to having a wonderful school year with you all!

~ Mr. Dunn & Mrs. Johnson