

AP World History Syllabus

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year it is my pleasure to be a teacher to the young adult in your life. In order to ensure our expectations of them are clear, please review the following syllabus with your student, sign, and place it in the front of the student's portfolio as the cover page.

Student Portfolio:

As students complete their assignments and assessments they will be expected to retain them in a 3 ring binder (called a portfolio.) All assignments are to be in order by date. A class website with a class assignment list will be available to parents and students to help keep student portfolios in order and up to date. Portfolios will be graded regularly in class. In the case that a student loses their portfolio they must restart the portfolio off from that most recently graded assignment. **I will not grade incomplete assignments.** Students who complete assignments after their submission deadline will lose 50% off their score for each business day the assignment is late. **Students must correct Exams and quizzes** as a means of review and credit recovery; **50% of the value of corrected questions will be applied** to their test score.

Class Materials:

Required Item	How It will Be used
One 3 Inch Binder	To organize student assignments in their portfolios.
Loose-leaf Paper	To complete reflective assignments in class or at home.
5 Different Color High Lighters	Students will examine college level text and the writing of their peers to deepen their learning.
Pencils and Pens	To construct knowledge and demonstrate learning.
An Email Address	Students need an email address in order to join their class website and to sign in to edit their class WIKI.
Wetpaint Account	Students will need to sign up for this free service in order to complete their WIKI assignments. www.wetpaint.com
Suggested Item	How It will Be used
Divshare Account	www.Divshare.com is a free service that allows individuals to store and share content online. This is an excellent tool to supplement student's WIKI assignments. In addition as students continue to add to their Digital Notebooks the file size will grow larger and larger. Instead of e-mailing these files directly to me students may use Divshare to post their document online and simply e-mail the link to me so I can view the document at a later time or without actually downloading it.
YouTube Account	Students who create their own content to add to their WIKIS are rewarded with extra points. It is NOT a requirement for the WIKI assignments. While Divshare.com does have sharing options for video files Wetpaint.com is already set up incorporate www.youtube.com content and can reformat video files from multiple formats.
Flash Drive	In the case that a student has a digital copy of an assignment they may otherwise not have access to they can use the flash drive to show the assignment in class.

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Assessment:

Grading Factor	Description of Knowledge Work	Percentage Of Grade
Assessment	Practice AP Exams: Estimated Point Range: 400 These will typically be scheduled after school hours and you will have notice approximately four weeks in advance.	50 %
	Unit Exams: Estimated Point Range: 300 These exams take place at the end of curricular units which can vary from 1-3 In a ten week period.	
	Quizzes: Estimated Point Range: 100 Assessments will occur sporadically in any given 10 week period but will likely occur at a frequency of once per every 2 weeks.	
	Self Assessment Guides: Estimated Point Range: 220 These reflective assignments will occur sporadically in any given 10 week period but will likely occur at a frequency of once per every 5 weeks	
	Student WIKIS: Estimated Point Range: 100 These assignments will be assigned and completed frequently and are likely occur at a frequency of once per week.	
Homework	Digital Notebooks: Estimated Point Range: 15 Students must create a personalized digital notebook to demonstrate their thinking and learning as they read 'Traditions and Encounters.'	25%
	Other: Students maybe tasked with other assignments during the course of the year. Depending on the amount of work that is required the point values will vary.	
Class work	Oral Presentations: Estimated Point Range: T.B.D Students are expected to give oral presentations of the WIKI assignments and other work regularly throughout the school year.	25%
	Other: Students maybe tasked with other assignments (such as warm ups etc.) during the course of the year. Depending on the amount of work that is required the point values will vary.	

Important Dates:

- May 13th 2010 AP World History Exam 8AM
- April 7th 2010 AP World History Practice Exam II
- January 27th 2010 AP World History Practice Exam I
- November 23rd 2009 AP World History Midterm Exam

Teacher Signature: *Daniel J. Whalen*

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Principal Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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¹ It is suggested that parents and students join the class website as registered users. This way each time it is updated you will be notified.

² http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_worldhist.html