

World History Syllabus 2009-10

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Textbook: *History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond*

General Overview

In each unit, we will study, discuss and explore the history, land and culture of the diverse people who have contributed to our world. As we explore each region, students will participate in discussions, note-taking, lesson activities, chapter review exercises, quizzes and tests. Students will be expected to complete a final exam or project at the end of each semester. Enrichment materials such as photos, videos, handouts, music, internet activities and food will be incorporated into the course. All class activities and lessons will be tied to the California State History-Social Science Standards (www.cde.ca.gov).

Goals of the Class

Students will:

- Identify the cause and effect of expansion, transition of linguistic and/or cultural practices and the development of technology.
- Learn the historical significance of ancient and modern city and country locations in terms of development and transportation.
- Compare and contrast present societies, governments, religions, values, social structures, languages, music and art.
- Analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources, including but not limited to maps, slides and artifacts.

General Expectations

Classroom rules include:

- Be on time or early for class.
- Be prepared with supplies, homework and an open mind.
- Be friendly and respect others
- Pay attention to speakers
- Take risks and try things that you think might be difficult

Absences

Students who are absent must make up all work. It is the responsibility of the student to ask another student for any notes taken during her absence. Handouts and missed assignments will be marked with the student's name and be placed in an absent folder at the front of the room. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up any missed handouts/assignments from the folder. Students will have the same number of days to complete a missed assignment as they were absent. If a quiz or test is missed, a make-up will be scheduled upon return from school.

Academic Honesty

When researching and preparing written papers for class, it is important to exercise academic honesty and to present work that is your own. Remember—it is plagiarism to copy the words and thoughts of another and claim them as your own. No credit will be given for plagiarized work.

Required Materials

Students are required to bring the following to class daily:

- A three-ring binder with college-ruled paper OR a spiral notebook.
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, colored pencils and an eraser.
- Personal white board.
- Textbook and student workbook

Homework

Homework will be given on a regular basis and is due at the beginning of class unless otherwise stated. Missed homework can be made up with an excused absence. Homework assignments will be posted on the class website as well as the classroom whiteboard. Late homework will not receive full credit and will be marked down one full grade or 10% for each day it is late. After one week, late homework is not accepted.

All homework assignments must include the following:

- Heading (full name, subject, grade, period and date)
- Assignment name and page number, when applicable
- Original question rewritten, when applicable

○	First and Last Name Subject Name of assignment and page number	Date Period/Grade
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Tests and Quizzes

Students will have advanced notice of quizzes and tests, with the exception of occasional pop quizzes. Each graded test must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the teacher. Quiz and test dates will be posted on the class website and in the classroom.

Grades

Students will earn grades by participating actively in class as well as by completing homework, class work, oral and written presentations, tests, quizzes, and semester examinations. The following grade scale will be used:

A	93-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
		B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
						F	0-59

Extra Credit

No extra credit is offered in this course.