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Modern World History
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Philosophy

READ MORE, WRITE MORE, THINK MORE TO BE A BETTER READER, WRITER AND THINKER.

EDUCATE YOURSELF TO BECOME AN INFORMED CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

Behavior Philosophy

HAVE ME TREAT YOU LIKE THE ADULT YOU ARE BECOMING NOT AS THE CHILD YOU ONCE WERE.

Course description

Conceptual understandings, major issues and turning points will be emphasized during this study of world history from the Cold War to the present day. Modern World History students will actively engage in a study of modern world history that will explore how individuals, events have shaped our lives and issues of the recent past. Students will use this information to identify and express the role of the US in today's world. This course will build on the foundations established during grades 6-8 Social Studies instruction by continuing the development of historical and geographic knowledge and skills needed to understand the modern world.

Grading

Grades will be calculated by 40% and 60% assessments. The work will consist of response writings, practice writings, question responses, in class notes, homework and all other assignments done in their spiral notebooks. Work assignments will be graded based on completion. Assessments consist of tests, quizzes, essays, speeches and projects and will be graded based on accuracy. Essays, speeches and projects will be accompanied with a scoring rubric, due dates and expectations. At quarter and semester end all scores will be calculated, given a percentage and a letter grade will be given based on the chart below. Note assessments tend to happen more at the end of quarters and semesters, so edbook grades will fluctuate.

90 - 100 % A	80 - 89% B	70 - 79% C	60 - 69% D	Below
60 % Failing				

Homework

Homework for Modern World History will consist of completing unfinished class assignments and working on larger projects and essays. Many nights there will be no homework, however if your grade is slipping you should work harder in and out of class.

Late Work

All late assignments will be graded as long as it is received by the day and time of the final. Late work cannot receive an A unless an extension was given or the assignment was late due to an excused absence. Extensions may be given if requested prior to the due date. Work turned in later than two weeks after the due date can earn no grade higher than a C. Test will follow the same protocol.

Attendance

Attendance is required for all students. If a student is absent, they should contact me as soon as possible to find out the work they missed. The absence should also be cleared with the office. Late work will be penalized if absence is unexcused. Excused absences have as many days as missed to make up work, except at the end of the quarter and semester. If an excused absence happens at the end or during finals, the student needs to contact me before the grading day to make a plan for completing work.