

Spaulding High School
2021-2022 History Humanities Course Syllabus
Credits: 1

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Course Description:

Freshman Humanities is a yearlong survey course in which students will explore major themes and essential questions about human civilizations over a broad period of time across the globe. Students will be assessed in skills and content area standards, and successful students will earn credit in both areas.

Units of Study:

- **Unit #1: World Religions**
Religions were and continue to be an essential part of many societies. The spread of religions often coincides with the spread of goods and other ideas. Why were some religions more successful at crossing borders than others? How is this apparent in the modern day?
- **Unit #2: Early African and American Empires**
Early African and American Empires achieved great wealth and success. How did this early empires achieve their wealth, how did they interact with surrounding regions, and what led to their downfall?
- **Unit #3: Global Change, 1450-1600**
European countries for a variety of reasons explored and colonized other continents. The “Columbian Exchange” had positive and negative effects and profoundly changed the world.
- **Unit #4: The Law in History, 1600-1750 and the Age of Revolutions, 1750-1848**
Enlightenment thinkers inspired individuals to use their powers of reason to achieve a just society and better government. Political and social revolutions in Europe set off a wave of uprisings by enslaved or oppressed peoples in France and Haiti between 1789-1804. Students will investigate similarities and differences between these two events.
- **Unit #5: New Global Patterns, 1815-1900**
With electricity, new production methods, and inventions, industrial manufacturing became the dominant means of production in the west with far-reaching consequences.
- **Unit #6: Conflict, Globalization, and Decolonization 1900-Present**
Nationalism, militarism, and economic tensions led to the outbreak of war in 1914 and again in 1939. World War II was the largest conflict that the world had ever seen. The post-World War II conflict between the US and the USSR had far-reaching effects for the entire world.

Students will investigate similarities and differences between post-war globalization and the “Columbian Exchange”.

Texts:

- TCI History Alive: World Connections, 2020.
- Ellis, Elisabeth Gaynor, et al. *Prentice Hall World History*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2007..
- *The New York Times Upfront* News Magazine
- Remarque, Erich Maria, *All Quiet on the Western Front*. New York, NY: Ballantine Books, 1982
- World History Project

Requirements for Credit:

1. A majority of the reporting standards are completed at a Proficient or Exemplary level.

Embedded Honors Credit:

Honors designation is centered on students striving for greater breadth and complexity into the course material, and demonstrating greater commitment and rigor in doing so. Honors designation is for those students who wish to begin building the skills and habits necessary to complete advanced coursework. While the course teacher is there for consultation and guidance, much of this advanced coursework will be done independently by the student.

In order to achieve “Honors” status for the course, a student must:

- Be proficient in all performance indicators, therefore have an overall proficiency for the course.
- Complete an additional, advanced assignment for each unit/standard of the course.
- Pass all honors assignments. Each will be graded as meets honors expectations or not yet.
- Complete all honors assignments by the deadline required.
- Honors students may be required to spend additional time, outside of class, to complete their assignments, some of which may involve investigations not covered in depth in the course content.
- To receive honors designation students must adhere to the SHS Code of Academic Honesty. Violation of the SHS Code of Academic Honesty will result in removal of honors designation.

Learning Tasks:

- Those assignments not designated as assessments are considered “learning tasks” and may include both in-class and out-of-class work.
- Learning tasks serve to further your own learning, prepare you to fully participate in class, and guide you toward proficiency in the course standards.
- Completion of learning tasks allows your teacher to monitor and provide feedback on your progress towards proficiency.

Assessed Course Standards:

Research - Writing: D2.His.16.9-12 Integrate evidence from multiple relevant historical sources and interpretations into a reasoned argument about the past.

Compare and Contrast: D2.His.4.9-12 Analyze complex and interacting factors between different historical eras.

Causation: D2.His.14.9-12. Analyze multiple and complex causes and effects of events in the past.

Content: D2.His.1.9-12. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place as well as broader historical contexts.

Perspectives: D2.His.4.9-12. Analyze complex and interacting factors that influenced the perspectives of people during or between different historical eras.

Spatial Views of the World: D2.Geo.2.9-12. Use maps, satellite images, photographs, and other representations to explain relationships between the locations of places and regions and their political, cultural, and economic dynamics.

Practice and Assessment:

Knowledge of course content will be reinforced and be assessed in both formal and informal quizzes, projects, and writing assignments. Shorter, informal quizzes, writing assignments, activities, and writing assignments will not be assessed as individual assessments, but rather will be required to complete a final assessment. Assessment rubrics will identify which practice assignments are required for each respective assessment. Students will be clearly informed in class and/or through Google Classroom when an assignment will be formally assessed.

Reassessment:

Students who have not achieved proficiency are encouraged to review the material and skills and to reassess. Students may be asked to provide evidence that they have prepared for the reassessment. Arrangements must be made in advance, before or after school, during class breaks, or during advisory. Reassessments are usually done during advisory, or before or after school when mutually convenient. Some reassessments may be done as take home assignments.

Safety protocols (these may change over the course of the year):

- Specifically for in-classroom:
 - Wear your mask over your nose and mouth at all times
 - Wipe down your desk/chair/materials before leaving
 - No food/drink other than water in the classroom
 - Don't leave any possessions in classrooms

Call Back Day:

The final day of the semester will be an invite-only day for students who are reasonably close to passing but have not yet earned course credit. This means that the student can complete individual assessments in one class period (70 minutes) that could result in a change to their overall grade and receiving course credit. Students and families will be notified of an invitation to Call Back Day in advance.

Chromebooks: Chromebooks should be brought to class and sufficiently charged on a daily basis.

Classroom Expectations - Students are expected to be:

1. Prepared!

- Please come to class with your Chromebook, a binder or notebook, a folder, and a pen or pencil.

2. Punctual!

- Frequent tardiness is a disruption to your learning as well as to your fellow students. If the bell rings and you are not in the room, you are late.

3. Productive!

- You should be focused and engaged, whether we are working as a group or you are working independently.
- If you are finished with a task or are unsure of what to do, ask for clarification or directions. If you need something, just ask!

4. Participatory!

- Your experience in this class will be enhanced by frequent and enthusiastic participation. Everyone is expected to participate on a regular basis.

5. Positive and respectful!

- Maintain positive body language. This means sitting upright and making eye contact.
- Be respectful and cooperative with fellow students and teachers. Please understand that your actions may have a positive or a negative effect on your own learning or the learning of others. If you cannot behave in a respectful manner you will not be welcome in our classroom.
- If you need to use the bathroom or get a drink, please ask! Sign out when you leave the room and sign back in when you return. Only one student is permitted to be out of the room at a time.
- We will all make mistakes over the course of the semester, including your teacher! Making mistakes is an inevitable part of the learning process. Please be kind to others when they experience failure and learn from their mistakes.

Personal Electronic Devices/Cell Phone Policy:

Personal electronic devices (Cell phones, tablets, etc.) must be silent and kept out of sight. Any student violating this policy will be reminded to keep devices away during class time. Students who repeatedly violate this policy will be referred to the administration for further action, and individuals who refuse to put a device away will be immediately directed to the office.

Academic Integrity Policy:

Academic Integrity represents students' commitment to honesty and respect for themselves, their teachers, and their peers. It also demonstrates a student's responsibility for their own learning. Academic dishonesty is unacceptable.

- a. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Copying work from another student (past or present)
 - ii. Sharing one's work with another student
 - iii. Copying work from the internet without proper citation and/or paraphrasing.
 - iv. Re-submitting previously submitted work

- b. Infractions will result in Office Referrals and communication with parents/guardians for all students involved. Infractions will be documented and tracked across the school in all of a student's classes.
- c. Infraction consequences may include:
 - i. Redoing the assignment
 - ii. Loss of ability to earn Exemplary on those indicators/assignments
 - iii. Loss of embedded honors (Academic Dishonesty is not honorable)
 - iv. Loss of eligibility in NHS or Scholarships
 - v. Failure in the course

Deadlines:

While we are in a Proficiency Based Grading system and you have the opportunity to reassess standards, certain deadlines are put in place. Students are responsible for submitting work by these deadlines. These deadlines include but are not limited to:

- Final date and time for submitted work before Progress Reports
- Final date and time for submitted work before Final Grade
- Final date and time for submitted past due work eligible for reassessment

Leaving class early: A pass is required and please notify me before class begins (see excused absences above)

Disruptive/inappropriate behavior: Zero tolerance.

If you cannot or will not behave in a respectful manner you will not be welcome in our classroom.

Extra Help:

I will be available via email and Google Classroom as well as during our in-person classes. Please allow up to 2 school days for a reply to an email. I will be as quick as I can in response, but know that certain times of the school year are busier than others. I will reply to emails and requests for help in the order that they were received.

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2021-2022 Overall Course Performance Grading Guideline

COURSE PERFORMANCE RATING	GPA Value	GRADING CRITERIA
Exemplary	4.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All standards are Exemplary or Proficient, AND ● Majority of standards are Exemplary
Partially Exemplary	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All standards are Exemplary or Proficient, with at least one standard being Exemplary
Proficient	3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All standards are Proficient
Partially Proficient	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All required standards are Exemplary or Proficient, AND ● Majority of standards are Proficient, AND ● No standards are Beginning or Insufficient Evidence
Developing	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majority of standards are Developing.
Beginning	1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majority of standards are Beginning.
Insufficient Evidence	0.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majority of the standards are Insufficient Evidence.

*Honors and AP courses would add an additional 0.33 to the GPA score.

The guideline is used to assess an overall course performance. When the guideline does not completely represent the situation, professional discretion will be used.

Guidelines for Incompletes:

- The student has extenuating circumstances.
- The student has arranged a reasonable plan with the teacher (such as a contract).
- Incompletes will be granted for a two-week period. Additional extensions may be granted with the permission of the department chair if a student is making reasonable progress.