

To: ALL Current 9th grade students interested in taking AP World History

If you are interested in taking AP World History in the next school year continue reading for information.

1. **What is AP World History?** AP World History is an advanced course where you can earn college credit by passing the APWH exam in May. The course is designed to be the equivalent of an introductory college or university survey of modern world history
2. **Will I earn an extra GPA bump on my transcript?** - Yes
3. **What is the amount of reading expected in this course?** First you must remember this is a college level course and the reading and writing expectations MUST meet those requirements in order to prepare for the exam and earn college credit.
4. **What is the course content?** The course begins with a brief introduction of the world geography and world Religions. The course will cover the following time periods 1200-to present and focus on ALL regions of world culture. The topics that will be addressed in this course are
  - Global Tapestry and Trade networks
  - Land Based Empires
  - Transoceanic connections
  - Revolutions
  - Industrialization
  - Global Conflicts (World Wars)
  - Cold war and Decolonization
  - Globalization
5. **What skills will I learn?** You will learn how to read and analyze primary and secondary sources. You will also learn how to write a long extended essay (LEQ) and a document based essay (DBQ). you will engage in peer discussions and learn how to have an open discussion with your peers.
6. **What is the difference between APWH and AP European History?** The major difference between the two classes can be found in what they emphasize as a course of study. APWH is taught more on a thematic foundation and will focus on seeing major events from different perspectives because you study all regions.
7. **Is this course for me?** You have to look at your overall classes and decide if you can dedicate yourself to reading and homework that will be required weekly and over breaks.

**The following are recommendations**

- **You have 3.5 or higher overall GPA**
- **You earned a B or higher in English**
- **You have a strong interest in learning about history and other cultures**

**8. I am interested in taking APWH next year. What should I do?** You must go to the flipped classroom account for APWH2021 and record yourself in a short video responding to the question/quote. Follow the directions on the flipgrid page. <https://flipgrid.com/newman0665>

**9. What if I do not have a 3.5 GPA but still want to sign up for the course what can I do?** Email **Ms. Newman to set up a zoom meeting to discuss the course in more detail..**  
***anewman@nmusd.us***

- 10. What if I did not earn an A or B in English? Email Ms. Newman**
- 11. Will my counselor place me into the class without Ms. Newman's verification? NO**
- 12. How will I know if I am registered for the class?** Ms. Newman will send you an email as proof of your registration in the class.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: You can only do ONE FLIP GRID either for APWH or APEURO. Pick the class you really want to be in and complete the flip grid video for that class. Your video is due by February 10, 2021**

**13. I have more questions: what should I do? Contact Ms. Newman at [ANewman@nmusd.us](mailto:ANewman@nmusd.us) or read about the course in more detail on AP Collegeboard website <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-world-history-modern-course-and-exam-description.pdf?course=ap-world-history>**

***Important note: failure to complete the flipgrid by deadline will result in you being placed on a waitlist for the class.***