

# Western Civilization - 10th Grade

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## Class Materials



- iPad - *CHARGED*
- 1-subject notebook
- Writing utensil (pencil/pen)
- Highlighters
- Textbook (will stay in the classroom & on Schoology)

## Course Description

In this class we will cover people, events, political organizations, nation building, religious impacts, and the transfer of cultures from the 1400s to the present. Through this course students will understand how the past has greatly influenced the present in social, political, cultural, and economic ways.

## Course Objectives

*Students will be able to:*

- analyze the effect of political systems on people.
- analyze the effect of intellectual and technological developments on people.
- analyze the influence of social, cultural, and economic developments on individuals.
- analyze causes and effects of global events in the past using primary and/or secondary sources.
- explain historical changes related to religions and ideologies.
- explain how current events connect to historical areas of study in the course.

## Major Units of Study

### Semester 1 Units

- Mesopotamia and Egypt
- Ancient Greece and Rome
- Islamic Expansion and Middle Ages
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Age of Exploration
- Absolutism
- Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment
- French Revolution and Age of Napoleon
- Industrial Revolution

### Semester 2 Units

- European Nationalism
- Russian Revolution
- World War I
- The West Between Wars
- World War II
- The Cold War
- 20th Century China and India
- Modern Middle East
- Globalism

## Grading

This class is based on a total point system. Your grade will be based on a variety of assessments including but not limited to: map work, analyzing primary and secondary sources, quizzes, discussions, reading guides/notes, and end of unit assessments (tests, projects, etc.)

**Grading Scale:** **A** = 90% +    **B** = 89-80%    **C** = 79-70%    **D** = 69-60%    **F** = 59% and below

# Late Work and Absences

If you miss class for any reason, you need to check Schoology for any missed assignments. Paper assignments will be able to be picked up in the extra copies bin on Ms. Schneider's cart. If you know of an upcoming absence, please let me know well in advance so we can make a plan to keep up with the work. It is best to send me an email and we can connect during class, during WIN sessions, or before/after school.

All late work needs to be turned in by the end of unit assessment; **after that, missing assignments from the unit will no longer be accepted. DO NOT** wait to turn in work before the assessment. You will fall behind in this class and you will end up seeing Ms. Schneider during WIN sessions or before/after school to get caught up.

NOTE: I understand that things happen in life that we cannot control and that they can mess up our routines or plans. If you have an "uncontrollable situation" at any time, please come and see me outside of class or communicate via email. The sooner you talk to me, the better. Just remember, if it becomes a habit, I will be less understanding.

# Retakes

For unit assessments, 1-retakes will be given. In order to take the retake, you will need to do corrections. Corrections include writing/typing out the questions you got wrong, the correct answer, where you found that answer in your class materials (ex. your notes, textbook, review activities, previous assignments, etc.). Googling, using AI, or just asking a friend for the answer will not be allowed. Any retake needs to be completed within one week of receiving your original score.

# Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is unethical. Show respect you would want for your hard work and do not claim something that is not yours, including utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI). Cutting and pasting sentences off the internet into a word document or copying sentences direct from the internet, textbook, etc. is not allowed. Paraphrase what you have found by putting it in your own words. Cheating off another student will result in **zero** credit for that assignment/activity/assessment, for both you, and the student who allowed you to copy from them. You must cite your sources or paraphrase.

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# Electronics

**Cellphones:** Per WFHS policy, cell phones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use from bell to bell.

- 1st Offense: If a teacher asks for your cell phone and you hand it over respectfully, you'll get it at the end of the period.
- 2nd Offense: The teacher will bring your phone to the Main Office where you can pick it up at the end of the day.
- 3rd Offense: The teacher will bring your phone to the office. You will need to turn your phone into the Main Office for five days.
- 4th Offense: The teacher will bring your phone to the office. It will remain in the Main Office until picked up by a parent/guardian.

If you refuse to hand over your phone, you will be sent to the Main Office.

**iPads:** iPads are the property of WFPS and must be taken care of and used appropriately (see the Acceptable Use policy for more information). This is a reminder that abusing iPad privileges, like watching YouTube videos, playing games, etc. instead of completing assigned work, could result in the loss of the iPad. If you are not allowed to use your iPad because you were abusing the privilege, you will be given paper assignments moving forward.

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# Other Information

- **Tardiness:** A tardy is any situation in which you arrive to class late or unprepared. 5 unexcused tardies will result in a UV, which receive detention. Note: 10 absences can lead to you failing the course and not receiving credit.
- **Inappropriate Language:** The words we use are powerful. We must choose them wisely and make sure they are not used to put one another down or degrade the classroom environment.
- **Food and Drink:** All drinks must have a spill-proof lid. Do not make a mess! Do not let your drink distract you from class or this privilege will be revoked. The only food allowed is teacher-provided.
- **Leaving the Room:** If you need to leave the room for ANY reason, ask first AND THEN submit an eHall Pass/Securely Pass to be approved. Only one person will be allowed out of the room at a time. Bathroom and water fountain use is limited to independent and group work time.
- **End of Class:** The bell doesn't dismiss class, I do. You will be given permission to pack up your belongings and materials. Desk space and any mess made in class must be cleaned. If you borrowed anything from the cart, RETURN IT. No one is to crowd or open the door until given permission.