AP World History: Modern
Ms. Hill
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I. Course Content

1. The Global Tapestry (1200-1450)
2. Networks of Exchange (1200-1450)
3. Land-Based Empires (1450-1750)
4. Transoceanic Interconnections (1450-1750)
5. Revolutions (1750-1900)
6. Consequences of Industrialization (1750-1900)
7. Global Conflict (1900-present)
8. Cold War and Decolonization (1900-present)
9. Globalization (1900-present)

II. Textbooks and Supplementary Reading

Primary Textbook: AMSCO. *World History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination.*

III. Grading Policy

- **Tests: 35%**
  - AP-style (stimulus based) multiple choice questions
    - 20-25 MCQ each test
    - 4 Tests per quarter
  - Regents questions (starting in May- after AP)
- **Writing/Projects: 35%**
  - Writing parts from the AP and Regents exams
    - LEQ, SAQ, DBQ, Enduring Issues, CRQ
    - 4-5 essays each quarter
  - Projects
    - Presentations
    - Book summaries, posters, timelines, interviews
- **Articles/AMSCO: 15%**
  - "HistoRay" study guides, AMSCO questions, 1-2 units per quarter
  - 5 articles per quarter
- **Maps/Quizzes: 15%**
  - Maps for each unit, usually due on Mondays (5 per quarter)
  - Quizzes: Vocabulary and reading

IV. AP Exam Overview

- 55 Multiple Choice Questions in 55 minutes (40% of the exam)
- 3 Short Answer Questions in 40 minutes (20% of the exam)
- Document-Based Question Essay in 60 minutes (25% of the exam)
- Long Essay Question: (choose 1/3) in 40 minutes (15% of the exam)

V. Regents Exam

In addition to the AP World History Modern Exam in May, students will take the **New York State Regents Exam** in June, which covers 10th-grade material.

Regents Exam Format:

1. 28 Multiple Choice Questions
2. 2 Sets of Constructed Response Questions (CRQ)
3. Enduring Issue Essay

Commonly Asked Questions:

What is expected of AP World students?

- Be active learners, willing to participate in discussions and ask questions.
- Manage their time effectively to keep up with reading, homework, and studying.
- Develop strong critical thinking and analytical skills to examine historical events and connections.
- Practice writing regularly to improve essay responses and document analysis.
- Maintain academic integrity and collaborate respectfully with peers.

What strengths are helpful for AP World?

- **Reading Comprehension:** Understanding complex texts, including primary and secondary sources.
- **Organization and Time Management:** Balancing the workload and meeting deadlines.
- **Analytical Thinking:** Connecting historical events, themes, and processes across different regions and time periods.
- **Writing Skills:** Constructing clear, evidence-based arguments in essays.
- **Interest in History:** Curiosity about the world and its historical developments.

What is the focus? What parts of the world do we learn about?

- Major global themes such as trade, migration, empires, revolutions, and cultural exchanges.
- A truly global perspective, covering Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe, and Oceania.
- Understanding how regions influenced one another and how global processes shaped history.

Is it going to build upon what we are learning in 9H or different topics?

It builds on the foundation from 9H (Global 9 Honors), focusing more on:

- Deeper analysis of themes and connections between regions.
- A continuation from 1200 CE to the present, while Global 9 primarily covered earlier periods.
- Skills like analyzing historical documents (DBQs) and writing argumentative essays.

Does the course involve more reading? How many books do we read?

Yes, AP World History involves more reading, including:

- The AMSCO textbook or a similar primary text.
- Supplemental readings, like excerpts from historical documents and historians' works.
- Typically, 1-2 full-length books (e.g., *Sapiens*, *War Horse, etc.*) are included as part of the curriculum for projects or reflection assignments.

Is the course a lot of work? How is the workload?

The workload is manageable but rigorous:

- Regular reading assignments from the textbook and additional materials.
- Homework involves note-taking, answering questions, and practicing essay writing.
- Most students find the workload reasonable with good time management.

Is there lots of homework and testing?

- Homework is assigned regularly to reinforce material and build skills.
- Testing includes:
    - Unit tests with multiple-choice questions and essays.
    - Practice for the AP exam with stimulus-based questions.
- Expect weekly or bi-weekly assignments and periodic projects.

What do students usually get on the AP exam?

- Scores vary, but many students achieve passing scores (3 or higher) with consistent effort.
- Class averages depend on preparation, but the focus is on learning skills, not just the score.

What are the differences between AP World History and Global 10 Regents?

- **AP World History:** College-level course with a focus on global connections and analysis. Prepares for the AP exam with stimulus-based questions, essays, and a broader curriculum.
- **Global 10 Regents:** Focuses more on New York State standards with a Regents exam at the end. Less emphasis on essays and global synthesis.

How fast-paced is the class?

- The class is fast-paced, covering:
    - Entire units every 2-3 weeks.
    - Regular assessments and checkpoints to stay on track.
- Staying organized and reviewing daily is key to keeping up.