WORLD HISTORY 1st SEMESTER
COURSE SYLLABUS
2026-2027

INSTRUCTOR: Darrin Boehm
LEVEL: Sophomore (required course)

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Prep Period: Period 4 (A Days) 2:05 pm to 3:35 pm
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TEXTS: World History (Glencoe); Author: Jackson J. Spielvogel; 2010 Edition; Publisher: McGraw-Hill, Columbus, Ohio, 2010.

Online Flex Book; EPISD World History & the Khan Academy; 2021; CK Foundation, www.ck12.org

Course Description: World History provides learners with an overview of the history of human society from early civilization to the contemporary period, examining political, economic, social, religious, military, scientific, and cultural developments. World History also includes geographic studies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- **This is a survey course in World History. The main objective is to expose you to the people and key events surrounding the development of World History**

Semester 1 Units

- Unit 1 – Ancient Civilizations
- Unit 2 – Classical Civilizations
- Unit 3 – Middle Ages
- Unit 4 – Renaissance and Reformation
- Unit 5 – Age of Exploration
- Unit 6 – Revolutions and Nationalism

World History Scope and Sequence: Topics			
Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Ancient Civilizations and Religions -Yellow River Valley (China) -Indus River Valley (India) -Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (Mesopotamia) -Nile River (Egypt) Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome -Christianity Rise of Islam and Middle Ages -Europe = Dark Ages -West Africa -Imperial China -Japan	Renaissance and Reformation Age of Exploration and Absolutism Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment French Revolution -Haitian Revolution Industrialization and Nationalism	Imperialism -Colonial Africa -India -China -Japan -European Imperialism World War I and Russian Revolution The World Between Wars -Western society and culture -fascist ideology in Europe and Japan -political conditions shifting in Africa, Asia, and Latin America	World War II Cold War Communist China and Chinese Revolution The world post-Cold War -The Eastern block

Course Standards

WH.6_12.1 – Analyze historical achievements related to science and technology.
WH.6_12.2 – Explain historical changes related to religions and ideologies.
WH.6_12.3 – Analyze the effects of different political systems on people.
WH.6_12.4 – Analyze the influence of social, cultural, and economic developments on individuals.
WH.6_12.5 – Analyze causes and effects of global events in the past using primary and/or secondary sources.
WH.6_12.6 – Explain how past events connect to the present

READINGS:

- **Read ALL assignments.**
- **Take thorough lecture & reading notes.**
- **Examine all primary documents.**
- **Complete ALL Online Work.**
- **Participate in class & in group activities or simulations.**
- **Answer questions.**

ATTENDANCE & HOMEWORK:

- **Follow the Student Handbook – Packer Planner – for the WFHS make-up policies.**
- **Homework is due on the DAY & PERIOD specified. If not handed in when due it will be marked as incomplete. When the material is handed in, the incomplete will be changed to the grade earned – half credit for assignment turned in one day late, partial credit (determined by the teacher) will be given after a day late. If an assignment is a week late NO Credit will be given --- unless there is a special circumstance.**

EXPECTATIONS:

1. **Have a Positive Attitude**
2. **Always bring your IPAD to class (Charged).**
3. **Respect me and I will respect you.**
4. **Grades will be based on exams, quizzes, online assignments, maps, readings of primary documents, group work, any simulations, and guided readings.**

EXAMS & GRADING:

- **Grades will be earned because of total points – a combination of tests, quizzes, and daily work. Daily work is worth 35% of your grade and Tests / Assessments 65% of your grade.**
- **Grading Scale:**

90% - 100%	**= A**
80% - 89%	**= B**
70% - 79%	**= C**
60% - 69%	**= D**
0% - 59%	**= F**
An Incomplete	**= F**

Classroom Procedures: - These may change if needed…

- **Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are not allowed. If I see them, I take them. If on your person during an assessment this is considered an academic integrity violation.**
- **Earphones are only allowed if specifically instructed by the teacher. Taken if used without permission.**
- **Backpacks - Take out the materials you need for class then leave the backpack alone.**
- **You can only use iPads if specifically instructed by the teacher. If you are using your iPad when you are not supposed to be or watching Youtube videos or playing games, I will take your iPad.**
- **Be sure your iPad is fully charged each day. No iPads out during notes – Must take notes by hand.**
- **Hoods cannot be up during class. Too many students are using earbuds when they should be learning.**
- **Email me if you need to contact me. Schoology messages are hard to track.**

OFFICE HOURS:

- **Students who need help with World History can see me before school, after school, or during my prep period to set up a time to get extra help.**
- **Contact telephone # - 499 – 9368 Social Studies Office Phone**
- **Email: boehm@west-fargo.k12.nd.us**

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