

Topics in World Studies 2017-18

Ms. Given

Period 1, Room 273

Google Classroom Class Code: 9nwetfp

Grade Policy & Expectations

Welcome to Topics in World Studies! This class will highlight significant events, and developments in the World between 10,000 BCE and the present.

Some of the major topics we will study include:

- Early Humans
- Ancient Civilizations
- Religions
- The Golden Ages of India, China and Islam
- The Dark Ages (Europe)
- The Crusades
- The Mongols
- The Plague
- The Renaissance
- Age of Exploration
- The Enlightenment
- Industrialization
- World Wars
- Modern World

In order to meet the needs of a wide range of different learning styles, you will be assessed in a variety of ways. Here is what you can expect:

- ★ Classwork: There will be no homework. All coursework will take place during class time and will entail guided pre-readings, short lectures or film clips and note-taking. You will be provided a notebook in which to keep all the handouts, notes and other course materials. This notebook will stay in the classroom and will be assessed at various checkpoints throughout each quarter.
- ★ Interactive Notebooks: Interactive notebooks will most often entail some kind of hands-on analysis of historical documents and artifacts in collaborative groups. They will require you to create notes using handouts and other materials.
- ★ Weekly Quizzes: Quizzes may be taken using your notes, however, you may earn additional points if you're able to complete them without the use of notes.
- ★ Current Events: Fridays will typically be reserved for current events, or what is important in the news that week. We hopefully will be using Newsela.com. Please bring your phones or other device with which you can access the internet, in case we cannot get access to computers that day.
- ★ Individual Project: Each quarter you will produce an independent, creative project related to a topic or topics we've studied that quarter. Some ideas for projects include, but are not limited to, a website about a topic, a playlist, a short documentary, a movie trailer, a podcast, or an infographic.

Assignment Category Weight Each Quarter:

Classwork/notebook	20%
History Labs	25%
Weekly Quizzes	25%
Current Events	10%
Individual Project	20%

Expectations for classroom behavior:

- ★ Come to class on time--that means be in the classroom by the bell.
- ★ Do not leave the room without permission and without a hall pass.
- ★ Keep your phones away and out of sight unless you've been instructed to use them for classwork.
- ★ Be respectful of each other and do what you can to make our class a safe, relaxed and fun place to learn.

Please complete and return in class Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

I, _____, have read Ms. Given's course expectations and grade policy for Topics in World Studies 2017-2018 and agree to abide by the terms specified within.

(student signature)

(date)

As parent/guardian to the above student, I, _____, acknowledge s/he has read and understands Ms. Given's course expectations and grade policy for Topics in World Studies 2017-2018.

(Parent Signature)

(date)

