**INTRODUCTION**

World History is a survey course required for high school graduation in North Carolina. It explores *themes of human experience* common to civilizations from ancient times to the present: the ways societies are organized and interact, the ways in which technology and environment impact societies, the ways societies have dealt with *continuity and change*, and the ways societies relate through trade, war, and diplomacy. Students will understand *how people shape their world* and *how their world shapes them*.

**CLASS MATERIALS** You are *required* to bring these items with you to class each day:

1. 2-inch 3-ring binder (There will be *many* handouts during this course that you are expected to keep organized. If you lose a handout, I will not re-supply you. You must make a copy of a classmate’s.)
2. Blue or black ink pen
3. Pencil (For scantron test forms only! *Pencil is not acceptable on assignments.*)
4. Paper (Loose-leaf or notebook)

All world history classes use the following grade distribution:

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| **Grade Categories** | |
| Tests | 50% |
| Quizzes | 25% |
| Classwork | 15% |
| Homework | 10% |

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| **Grading Scale** | |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | 0-59 |

**ASSIGNMENTS**

1. *Typing is encouraged*, however, is not acceptable for test reviews. Typed papers must be double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font with standard margins.
2. Late work will be accepted up to that unit’s test date. For every day the assignment is late, 10 points will be deducted. For example, if the assignment is one day late, the highest grade the assignment can be given is 90% of the original credit offered. After five days late, the highest grade the assignment can receive is 50% of the original credit offered.
3. Assignments without names will be held until the unit’s test date. If unclaimed after the test date, anonymous assignments will be counted as a zero.
4. Make-up work, including any missed test, is your responsibility. If you miss class, you must find out what assignments you need to complete. I will not simply inform you – *you must check the absent binder in the classroom*.
5. Plagiarism is presenting another author’s language and/or thoughts as your own either through direct quotation or close imitation. Plagiarism is cheating and will be dealt with *in most severe terms*. At the university level, plagiarism is grounds for expulsion.
6. There is a zero tolerance policy for cheating. If a student is caught cheating or copying another student’s work, he/she will be given a zero for that assignment, will not be allowed to make it up, and could face further disciplinary action.

**CLASS RULES**

1. *DISPLAY RESPECT.* Mind your manners. Show regard and consideration for yourself, for other people, and for property. Profanity is unacceptable in our classroom.

2. *ACT RESPONSIBLY.* Think before you act and choose wise behaviors. Thinking before you speak will help you ask better questions and make intelligent statements. Hold yourself accountable for your actions. You are in an honors level class and will be expected to behave accordingly.

3. *KEEP AN OPEN MIND.* In studying history, you will learn about societies and cultures vastly different from life in early 21st century America. You will encounter strange ideas that I hope will make you question and expand your own beliefs and concepts of the world.

**CLASS PROCEDURES**

1. BE ON TIME.

* *If you are not seated* when the bell rings you will be considered tardy.
* Per Cary High policy, if you are tardy, you must obtain a red pass to be admitted to the classroom.

1. RESTROOM POLICY

* *Go between classes!* If you arrive before the bell and ask me, I will allow you to go and you will not be considered tardy if you return after the start of class.
* I will not allow you to go during presentations – lectures, videos, etc.

1. HEADGEAR

* Hats, do-rags, etc. are banned indoors and will be confiscated in accordance to Cary High policy.

1. USE CLASS TIME APPROPRIATELY.

* Do no work for other classes during World History. Likewise, do not do World History work in your other classes.
* Pay attention and do not speak out of turn.

1. REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT UNLESS YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO BE UP.

* Sharpen pencils *before class*.
* Dispose of your trash/recycling after class.

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

* Unless I have specifically instructed you to use your electronic device, ***all*** electronic devices should be put away in your bag, purse, or pocket. This means electronic devices should not be visible! If devices are visible, they *will* be confiscated.

**World History Honors Syllabus Acknowledgement Form:**

I read and understood the course description, expectations, and procedures for Mrs. Scagnelli’s Honors World History class.

Print Student Name Signature Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name Signature Date

**Parent or Guardian Contact Information**

Please fill in the following information so I know the best way to contact you should the need arise. Please fill in all blanks ***neatly***.

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| **Your Name:** | **Relationship to student:** (Mother, father, grandmother etc.) |
| **Email address:** (I prefer email, but if you don’t have one, it’s not a problem) | |
| **Phone number:** | **Best time to call:** (Afternoon, evening, not after 9pm, etc.) |
| **Circle your preferred method to be notified of *minor* issues?** EMAIL | PHONE | |
| **Does your student have internet access at home?**  YES | UNRELIABLE INTERNET | NO INTERNET | |
| **If you made a “top three” list of things about your student, what would be on the list?**  **Is there anything you’d like me to know about your student?** | |