

# World History Honors

- Course Description: Students will investigate the progression of world history from 10,000 years ago to about 1750 CE. Major units of study include early river valley civilizations in the Eastern and Western hemispheres, foundations of world religions and philosophies, Greco-Roman, Islamic, Indian, Chinese, and medieval European civilizations, the rise of Europe in the Renaissance and the age of exploration under the rule of absolute monarchs. Throughout, students will be analyzing the processes through which early civilizations sought to maintain peace, order, and stability.

# World History Honors (cont.)

- Students are expected to complete primary and secondary source readings on a regular basis.
- Students are expected to use this knowledge to demonstrate understanding of historical events and processes
- Students are also expected to create, and argue in favor of, their own interpretation of historical events; these interpretations will be expressed through various mediums (technological, written, verbal, etc.)

# AP World History

- In AP World History, students will develop a greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and how the world has come to be defined more and more by the interactions among countries, peoples, and groups. Beginning their study in approximately 8000 BCE and continuing to the present, students will use inquiry and appropriate analytical skills, to consider the following:
  - The nature of changes in international frameworks
  - The causes and consequences of these changes
  - Comparisons between the social, political, intellectual, cultural, religious, and economic aspects of various world civilizations

# AP World History (cont.)

Students will be expected to analyze how the following themes of world history are demonstrated in various time periods:

- 1. Interaction between humans and the environment
- 2. Development and interaction of cultures
- 3. State building, expansion, and conflict
- 4. Creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems
- 5. Development and transformation of social structures

# AP World History (cont.)

Students will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of historical cultures, events, and processes through the following assessments:

- Multiple Choice Questions
- Compare and Contrast Essays
- Continuity and Change Over Time Essays
- DBQ Essays