



8th Grade World History Syllabus

We are all in this together!

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***Be Responsible
Be a Problem-Solver
Be Respectful***

Course of Study:

1. Ancient Origins
2. Ancient River Civilizations
3. Ancient America
4. Ancient Greece
5. Ancient Rome
6. Ancient India
7. Ancient China
8. Ancient Asia and Africa

Grading Policy:

30% Formative (daily assignments activities)

70% Summative (Chapter tests, product based assessment, document based question) □

Grading Scale:

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

Homework: Homework is defined as anything that is not completed in class, and occasionally, an assignment they will need to complete on MyLearning. We will also have National History Day Project. Students will need to work on this at home. Specific information on NHD will be forthcoming after labor day.

MyStudent: MyStudent is an online gradebook that parents and students should access daily to see upcoming assignments, missing work and graded assignments.

MyLearning: MyLearning is our online platform utilizing Canvas as many students did in quarter 4. Everything we do both in classroom and mystudent online class will be located here.

Tests & Quizzes: There will be periodic tests and quizzes, which will consist of fill-in the blank, short answer, multiply choice and/or true and false. The policy for retakes requires that the student complete teacher-determined tutoring, and has completed all missing assignments leading up to original assessments. Students will earn the highest grade obtained. Semester and EOC Exams are excluded from this policy.

Notebook: Students are to keep an interactive notebook that contains all notes and certain assignments that aid in mastering the information. Students can and will use this to help study and build their knowledge towards world history standards.

Document Based Questions: We will do several DBQ type assignment this year. Analyzing primary and secondary sources followed by an essay or product based assessment.

Make-up Work Policy: Make-up work is defined as work missed during an excused absence. Students will need to review Mylearning to find this information or ask Mrs. Skaggs for a paper copy when available.

Late Work Policy: Late work will be accepted at a **flat rate of 20% off** if the assignment is done well. This means late work will start at 80%.

Electronic Policy: Students will be able to use their technology for educational purpose. Unless the whole class is using technology, the student will be required to asked permission if they need to do something on MyLearning for history or look something specific up. I usually follow the latter up with probing questions about what they learned from their research.

Student Rules and Behavioral Expectations: Students are expected to follow the Pasco County Schools code of conduct as outlined in the Rushe planner on MyLearning. Please review the expectations with your student.

Classroom Behavior interventions are as follows for less offensive infractions (more offensive infractions will be handled by administration):

1. 1st offense – verbal warning, reteach expectations
2. 2nd offense – parent contact
3. 3rd offense – lunch detention
4. 4th offense – after-school detention (to be served on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
5. 5th offense – Discipline Referral

Myschool Online: Students on MSO will be expected to fully participate and upload assignments. They should also follow online/ zoom etiquette. Please look for and READ announcements daily. I will try to keep them short and to the point so you know what is expected. Live class on zoom is new to all of us. Please be flexible as we work out the kinks of MSO. Thank you.

All students should bring the following materials everyday:

1. Interactive Notebook—1 inch binder *
2. Loose leaf notebook paper*
3. Writing utensil (pencil or pen) *
4. Colors (pencils, markers)
5. Highlighters

*Used almost Daily

Please sign and return the attached sheet to the teacher if you are a brick and mortar student.

Mystudent online students please take a picture or scan the signed page below and send to teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Skaggs

STUDENTS AND PARENTS: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN.

I have read the course syllabus and understand what is required of me.

Student (print/sign name)

My son/daughter and I have reviewed the course syllabus.

Parent signature _____

Parent email _____ Parent Number

Teacher contact information:

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