

Norwood Public Schools

World History II Curriculum Overview

Description (including primary objectives and outcomes):

This course is designed for Freshman. It is a continuation of World History I and will highlight the interaction and interdependence of people in our shrinking world. Starting with the background of the Scientific Revolution, students will analyze the political, religious, intellectual, military, economic and social levels in Eurasian, African, Western Middle Eastern and South American societies. Topics to be discussed are the development of the nation state, the scientific and political revolutions of the eighteenth century, the age of liberalism, twentieth century totalitarianism, anti-colonialism and post-World War II internationalism. Students should complete this course with a heightened appreciation of their own culture, the historical contributions of non-Western civilizations, and an increased awareness of national and international issues presented in their historical context. The difference in the levels will primarily be the emphasis placed on the amount of reading, the amount of writing, and the depth of documentary analysis.

Learning Experiences:

1. Enlightenment Salon
2. Locke/ Hobbes/ Rousseau Venn Diagram
3. Execution of Louis XVI Debate
4. Declaration of the Rights of Students Activity
5. Robespierre: Terror or Virtue Inquiry/ Essay
6. Napoleon: Death of an Emperor Inquiry/ Jigsaw
7. Congress of Vienna Simulation
8. Capitalism vs. Marxism Venn Diagram
9. Pros and Cons of Industrialization Inquiry
10. Factory owner newspaper Ad
11. Progress in the 19th Century Powerpoints
12. African Cake Project
13. Imperialism Group Teaching Projects
14. Effects of Imperialism today Project
15. Was World War I Inevitable Inquiry
16. WWI Propaganda Museum
17. Treaty of Versailles Simulation
18. Stalin vs. Trotsky Debate
19. Rise of Totalitarian Rulers Venn Diagram
20. Holocaust Inquiry
21. League of Nations vs. U.N. Simulation
22. Beginning of the United Nations Simulation
23. WWII Timeline Activity
24. Atom Bomb Debate

Content Outline:

1. Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment (1500-1700)
2. The American Revolution
3. The French Revolution and Napoleon 1789-1815
4. Latin American independence
5. Nationalism
6. Unifications of Italy and Germany
7. Revolutions of 1830 and 1848
8. Industrial Revolution
9. Economic Philosophies 1850-Present
10. Social Change in Europe and British Empire 1815-1914
11. Imperialism (1815-1914)
12. World War I

13. Treaty of Versailles
14. The Russian Revolution
15. Communism in China
16. Europe between the Wars
17. WWII
18. The Holocaust
19. The Beginnings of the Cold War
20. Review for Final

Resources Used:

Print Sources:

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Kishlansky, Mark, Ed. Sources of World History: Readings for World Civilization Vol. 2. New York: Harper Collins, 1995.

Web Resources:

A&E television Networks. "The History Channel." 16 Sept. 2008. 2007. < <http://www.history.com/>>.

Hallsall, Paul. "Internet Modern History Sourcebook." 16 Sept. 2008. 22 Sept. 2001. <<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html>>

Primary Source Documents:

1. English Bill of Rights, 1688
2. Inquisition Trial of Galileo
3. Leviathan (Thomas Hobbes)
4. Second Treatise on Government (John Locke)
5. Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (National Assembly)
6. Declaration of Independence (Thomas Jefferson)
7. Bill of Rights (U.S., 1789)
8. Wealth of Nations (Adam Smith, 1776)
9. Communist Manifesto (Marx, Engels, 1848)
10. Blood and Iron Speech (Otto Von Bismarck)
11. White Man's Burden (Rudyard Kipling)
12. Meiji Constitution (Japan)
13. Balfour Declaration (Great Britain, 1917)
14. Pearl Harbor Day of Infamy Speech (F.D.R.)
15. Treaty of Paris, 1945
16. Iron Curtain Speech (Churchill)

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