

2008/2009 Modern World History Syllabus

Mr. Girardin **Grade: 9** **Term: Full Year** **Credits: 5**

Text: Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction, McDougal Little.

Course Description: This course will cover history of cultures around the world from the enlightenment until the present day. We will study the growth of nation states and social and political change in Europe, the Industrial and Scientific Revolutions, selected topics in Asian, African and Latin American history in the 19th and 20th centuries, a global view of the great wars of the 20th century, the Cold War Era, and selected topics in the contemporary world.

By utilizing a global perspective, students better understand diverse cultures, shared humanity, and significance of the past to their own lives. The study of our Global Society not only reveals the events of the past, but enables understanding of responsible citizenship in our present day world. Students will be encouraged to read and write actively and critically. Students will employ a variety of resources including technology to acquire, process and utilize historical information.

Course Expectations: Students are expected to arrive to class on time and prepared to learn. A notebook, writing utensil and the course text are required for each class. Students are expected to be respectful of each other, the instructor, and of school property. It is expected that students will actively, positively and productively participate (individually and cooperatively) in class discussions and activities.

Grading: Students will be graded on selected in class work, homework, essays, quizzes, tests, and projects. A total points system will used (Students grades will be calculated by comparing the total points earned versus the total potential number of points).

Approximate values:

Homework and class work- 5-10 pts

Quizzes- 10 -25 pts

Tests- 50-75 pts

Projects- 50-75 pts

Essays- 10-15 pts

Extra credit will not be offered, however students who wish to explore additional (more rigorous) assignments with greater point values may do so with special permission.

Generally late homework will accepted the next school day for 3/5 value.

On occasion a surprise quiz may be given, tests will always be announced and review sheets will be given.

Extra Help: Available every day after school in room 306 until 2:30pm (or later by special request).