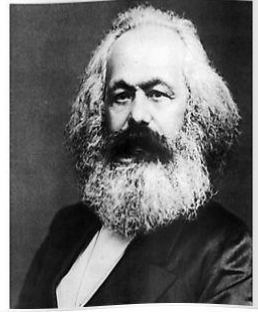




A.P. World History: Modern - Syllabus

When You Complain that History Class is a Struggle,
but Really all of History is a Class Struggle.



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Course Description

AP World History: Modern is a challenging two-semester course that is structured around the investigation of selected themes woven into key concepts covering distinct chronological periods. AP World History is equivalent to an introductory college survey course. The link listed below elaborates on the (1) Six Course Themes, (2) Nine Units of Study, and the (3) National A.P. World History Exam format. The learning activities, materials, and assessments used in this course are in alignment with these themes, units of study, and exam sections.

<http://www.theadamsonadventure.net/ap-world-history.html>

Course Requirements

Technology: a computer (school or personal) is needed daily to access the learning management system Canvas.

Textbook: an APWH textbook will NOT be assigned to you. Instructions will be provided for how to access the textbook online *if* you wish to use it for independent study.

Class Supplies: index cards and paper; binder for storage; APWH review book (like from Amsco). You are strongly suggested to get one from Amsco, but books from similar companies would work too. Feel free to acquire one used or from a former student.

*Link to the correct Amsco version: <https://www.perfectionlearning.com/advanced-placement-world-history-modern-r7424-g.html>

Assessments

- Major Grades (unit tests) = 55%
- Minor Grades (timed writings; class discussions; projects) = 35%
- Practice (notebook checks; AP Classroom practice questions) = 10%

Each semester will cover 4 units of material and include 12+ graded assessments that assess degree of mastery.

NOTEBOOK CHECKS: Most days you will be assigned approximately 15-30 minutes of HW. Most often HW is assigned reading or writing practice. These daily activities are required and are an important part of developing the content knowledge and skills of the curriculum. Therefore, these daily activities will count as a “notebook check” grade.

They can all be found on a daily Canvas page that will be created. All writing tasks should be handwritten. Notebook checks will be due every week.

FCS Policy on Recovery & Late Work

If a student is not satisfied with their original grade on an assessment, can a student request recovery?

- Students will have ONE opportunity to recover their grade on each MAJOR assessment if they scored below 75% on the initial attempt. Recovery is not provided for minor or practice assignments.
- Students can earn a maximum grade of 75% on the recovered major assignment. Students who earn below a 75 on the recovered assignment will receive the grade earned on the original grade, whichever is higher.
- Teachers may require students to complete any missing assignments, do additional remediation activities, and/or attend extra-help sessions prior to recovery opportunities.
- Recovery must be requested by the student and completed prior to the due date for the next major assignment/assessment.

What happens if a student is present in class but does not turn in an assignment by the due date?

- A grade of zero will be entered into the gradebook until the assignment is submitted.
- Upon submission, teachers will deduct 15% of the assignment grade if the assignment is turned in past the due date, but during that same unit.
- Teachers will deduct 25% of the assignment grade if the assignment is turned in past the end of unit major assessment.

Classroom Rules & Expectations

- Use class time wisely. When given time in class to work on an assignment . . . please do so!
- Be kind to each other, your teacher, and yourself!
- You are responsible for any directions, content, or assignments you miss for any reason.
- Check Canvas and complete any readings or tasks found there every day.

*Again, there will be HW posted on Canvas every night. **The HW is designed to take approximately 15-30 minutes.** The HW will include reading to be discussed the next day in class, or it will cover content NOT discussed in class, or it will reinforce a concept or skill we learned in class. **Therefore, it is imperative that it be completed day by day, NOT crammed in one night at the end of each unit.** Remember that the daily work is also graded as notebook check.

FCS Policy on Cell Phones & Ear Buds:

Students may not use cell phones and wireless ear buds during class unless explicitly approved by the teacher for a specific learning activity on certain days.

- Upon entering the classroom, ALL students must place their cell phone in their assigned pocket # of the classroom's hanging cell phone holder
- Once placed in the cell phone holder, students may not access during class time without the explicit permission of the teacher. Failure to comply will result in the device being collected and turned into administration.

Honor Code

Cheating is defined as “the giving or receiving, in any form, information relating to a gradable experience.” Cheating is any act whose intent is to gain reward or success that is not honestly earned. Plagiarism is the presentation of materials as one’s own effort when it is actually the work of another. Violations of the Honor Code will result in a referral to the proper administrator for disciplinary action pursuant to Rule 9 in the FCS Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Handbook.

Communication & Teacher Availability

Every student should check their FCS email and Canvas every day. Teachers will communicate with students via these platforms.

Please be encouraged to communicate your questions or concerns to me. Office hours are after school by appointment.

Tech Support

If you are experiencing technical issues (passwords, device not working properly, camera or microphone not working, if you do not have access to the correct online textbooks, if you do not have access to a program utilized by a teacher), please find time to stop by the Media Center. If that doesn’t work, please call the Fulton County Schools Tech Support Hub at 470-254-2300. Technicians are available 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday and will be happy to help.

From Alex Trekek’s biography *The Answer Is*:

“Curiosity has always been a very important factor I my life – about all subjects. It’s a thirst for knowledge. I have a standard motto and it’s very short: ‘A good education and a kind heart will serve you well throughtout your entire life.’

There are many facts that we will learn in this class that might make you think . . . ‘Now, am I ever going to use that knowledge? Probably not. But even if you are learning facts that you are not going to be able to use in your daily life, it enriches you – the fact itself just enriches you as a human being and broadens your outlook on life and makes you a more understanding and better person.’