Honors World History

**Fall & Spring 2020-2021**

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**Textbook**

* World History Survey 2016 Ellis & Esler Student Ed; replacement cost $94.72
* Pearson Online Textbook accessible through the SSO Portal

**Supplies (in addition to the textbook)**

3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, pens/pencils, divider tabs

1. The three ringed binder will serve as the student’s notebook. The notebook will be used to contain class notes, assignments, maps, etc. It is the student’s responsibility to maintain an organized and accurate notebook.

Colored pencils or crayons

Highlighter and note cards (optional depending on student study habits and preference)

**Course Description**

The first semester will begin with the origins of civilizations and will focus on the first four major civilizations located in the ancient Eastern Mediterranean region. The course will continue on focusing on the progression of world civilizations and the influences and contributions each made on the next. Civilizations and regions that we will focus on will include India, China, Greece (Athens & Sparta), Rome, The Byzantine Empire, Mongolia, Africa, Europe and Central and South America. While covering these specific topics, the class will focus on the infrastructure, politics, social characteristics, and economics of the said topic. The second semester of this course provides an overview of the political, social, cultural, and economic development of modern civilizations. This course will also study the conflicts as well as the cooperation between humans. This semester we will explore human history from the modern Students will also develop important social studies skills including primary and secondary source analysis, map and globe skills, information processing, problem solving skills, and analysis of individual and group dynamics.

**Grading Policy**

**-** There will be three categories of grades in the grade book.

- I will be using the Point Scale to grade student work.

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| Major Assessment (45%) | Minor Assessment (20%) | Daily Work (15%) |
| * Department Exams * Unit Tests * Projects | * In-Class Projects * Quizzes * Essays/ Current Events * Notebook Checks | * Homework * Vocabulary * Worksheets |

**Cumulative Assessment:**

**This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of each semester. Exemption is based on HCBOE policy.**

**Final Exam**

* At the end of each semester, the student’s final average will count for 80% to allow 20% for the comprehensive semester Final Exam. This is a mandated system policy.
* Please see the student handbook for more detail regarding the exemption policy.
* HCBE exemption policy will be followed.

**Extra Credit**

* It does not exist. Complete the assigned tasks and that is how one will have a decent grade without the need for any extra opportunities.

**Expectations**

1. Be courteous and respectful to others (as well as yourself) at all times.
2. Be on time.
3. Bring all materials to class EVERY DAY. This includes your textbook, binder and all necessary supplies.
4. Leave all food and drink (except water) outside of the classroom.
5. All rules and regulations of the student handbook apply.

I expect that students will respect the views and opinions of others at all times. We will discuss many events and themes this year and look at all perspectives. The diversity of our opinions makes the discussions interesting. I also expect that students have completed all tasks necessary for learning before entering the room. This includes completing homework or reading assigned prior to the class, retrieving the required materials from their lockers, using the restroom, and putting away work from other classes.

**Consequences**

First Offense Warning and parent contact

Second Offense Parent contact and disciplinary measures will be administered based on the infraction

Third Offense Office referral and parent contact

**These are the minimum consequences; gross misconduct may result in an office referral on the first offense.**

**Late Work and Academic Detention**

* Homework and graded assignments are due at the BEGINNING of class. No late work will be accepted (with the exception of an absence).
* Late work will be accepted only up three days after the original due date with 105 of the grade being reduced with each lapsing day.
* Academic detention. The student will then have **3 days** in which to make up his/her zero. The highest grade that can be received is 90%. If the student does not serve the academic detention before or after school, then the zero will remain.

**Google Classroom**

To encourage blended learning, online assignments will be posted weekly through Google Classroom. At least one Google Classroom assignment per week will be graded and entered in Infinite Campus. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform, communicate with their teacher, and submit assignments on time.  If there are technology limitations notify the teacher.

**Cyberbullying:** As defined by Dictionary.com, “the act of harassing someone online by sending or posting mean messages.” *Please keep in mind that the Edmodo communication system is designed to work as an extension of the classroom; therefore, anything done on the site through the access of a school course group code will be treated the same as if it were said aloud in the classroom. Inappropriate comments or use of the site can result in disciplinary action.*

**Course Standards**

We will be covering the standards listed below this semester.

**SSWH1 The student will analyze the origins, structures, and interactions of complex societies in**

**the ancient Eastern Mediterranean from 3500 BCE to 500 BCE.**

a. Describe the development of Mesopotamian societies; include the religious, cultural, economic,

and political facets of society, with attention to Hammurabi’s law code.

b. Describe the relationship of religion and political authority in Ancient Egypt.

c. Explain the development of monotheism; include the concepts developed by the ancient

Hebrews, and Zoroastrianism.

d. Describe early trading networks in the Eastern Mediterranean; include the impact Phoenicians

had on the Mediterranean World.

e. Explain the development and importance of writing; include cuneiform, hieroglyphics, and the

Phoenician alphabet.

**SSWH2** **The student will identify the major achievements of Chinese and Indian societies from**

**1100 BCE to 500 CE**.

a. Describe the development of Indian civilization; include the rise and fall of the Maurya Empire,

the “Golden Age” under Gupta, and the emperor Ashoka.

b. Explain the development and impact of Hinduism and Buddhism on India and subsequent

diffusion of Buddhism.

c. Describe the development of Chinese civilization under the Zhou and Qin.

d. Explain the impact of Confucianism on Chinese culture; include the examination system, the

Mandate of Heaven, the status of peasants, the status of merchants, and the patriarchal family,

and explain diffusion to Southeast Asia, Japan, and Korea.

e. Explain how the geography of the Indian Subcontinent contributed to the movement of people

and ideas.

**SSWH3** **The student will examine the political, philosophical, and cultural interaction of**

**Classical Mediterranean societies from 700 BCE to 400 CE.**

a. Compare the origins and structure of the Greek polis, the Roman Republic, and the Roman

Empire.

b. Identify the ideas and impact of important individuals; include Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle

and describe the diffusion of Greek culture by Aristotle’s pupil Alexander the Great and the

impact of Julius and Augustus Caesar.

c. Analyze the contributions of Hellenistic and Roman culture; include law, gender, and science.

d. Describe polytheism in the Greek and Roman world and the origins and diffusion of

Christianity in the Roman world.

e. Analyze the factors that led to the collapse of the Western Roman Empire.

**SSWH4** **The student will analyze the importance of the Byzantine and Mongol empires between**

**450 CE and 1500 CE**.

a. Analyze the importance of Justinian, include the influence of the Empress Theodora, Justinian’s

Code, and Justinian’s efforts to recapture the west.

b. Describe the relationship between the Roman and Byzantine Empires; include the impact

Byzantium had on Moscow and the Russian Empire, the effect of Byzantine culture on Tsar

Ivan III and Kiev, and the rise of Constantinople as a center for law, religion, and the arts.

c. Explain the Great Schism of 1054 CE.

d. Analyze the spread of the Mongol Empire; include the role of Chinggis (Genghis) Khan in

developing the empire, the impact of the Mongols on Russia, China and the West, the

development of trade, and European observations through the writings of Marco Polo.

e. Explain the Ottoman Empire’s role in the decline of Byzantium and the capture of

Constantinople in 1453 CE.

**SSWH5** **The student will trace the origins and expansion of the Islamic World between 600 CE**

**and 1300 CE.**

a. Explain the origins of Islam and the growth of the Islamic Empire.

b. Identify the Muslim trade routes to India, China, Europe, and Africa and assess the economic

impact of this trade.

c. Explain the reasons for the split between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

d. Identify the contributions of Islamic scholars in medicine (Ibn Sina) and geography (Ibn

Battuta).

e. Describe the impact of the Crusades on both the Islamic World and Europe.

f. Analyze the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**SSWH6** **The student will describe the diverse characteristics of early African societies before**

**1800 CE.**

a. Identify the Bantu migration patterns and contribution to settled agriculture.

b. Describe the development and decline of the Sudanic kingdoms (Ghana, Mali, Songhai);

include the roles of Sundiata, and the pilgrimage of Mansa Musa to Mecca.

c. Describe the trading networks by examining trans-Saharan trade in gold, salt, and slaves;

include the Swahili trading cities.

d. Analyze the process of religious syncretism as a blending of traditional African beliefs with

new ideas from Islam and Christianity.

e. Analyze the role of geography and the distribution of resources played in the development of

trans-Saharan trading networks.

**SSWH7 The student will analyze European medieval society with regard to culture, politics,**

**society, and economics.**

a. Explain the manorial system and feudalism; include the status of peasants and feudal

monarchies and the importance of Charlemagne.

b. Describe the political impact of Christianity; include Pope Gregory VII and King Henry IV of

Germany (Holy Roman Emperor).

c. Explain the role of the church in medieval society.

d. Describe how increasing trade led to the growth of towns and cities.

**SSWH8** **The student will demonstrate an understanding of the development of societies in**

**Central and South America**.

a. Explain the rise and fall of the Olmec, Mayan, Aztec, and Inca empires.

b. Compare the culture of the Americas; include government, economy, religion, and the arts of

the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas.

**SSWH9** **The student will analyze change and continuity in the Renaissance and Reformation.**

a. Explain the social, economic, and political changes that contributed to the rise of Florence and

the ideas of Machiavelli.

b. Identify artistic and scientific achievements of Leonardo da Vinci, the “Renaissance man,” and

Michelangelo.

c. Explain the main characteristics of humanism; include the ideas of Petrarch, Dante, and

Erasmus.

d. Analyze the impact of the Protestant Reformation; include the ideas of Martin Luther and John

Calvin.

e. Describe the Counter Reformation at the Council of Trent and the role of the Jesuits.

f. Describe the English Reformation and the role of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

g. Explain the importance of Gutenberg and the invention of the printing press.

**SSWH10** **The student will analyze the impact of the age of discovery and expansion into the**

**Americas, Africa, and Asia**.

a. Explain the roles of explorers and conquistadors; include Zheng He, Vasco da Gama,

Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, James Cook, and Samuel de Champlain.

b. Define the Columbian Exchange and its global economic and cultural impact.

c. Explain the role of improved technology in European exploration; include the astrolabe.

**SSWH11** **Students will investigate political and social changes in Japan and in China from the**

**seventeenth century CE to mid-nineteenth century CE.**

a. Describe the policies of the Tokugawa and Qing rules; include how Oda Nobunaga laid the

ground work for the subsequent Tokugawa rulers and how Kangxi came to rule for such a long

period in China.

b. Analyze the impact of population growth and its impact on the social structure of Japan and

China.

**SSWH12** **The student will examine the origins and contributions of the Ottoman, Safavid, and**

**Mughal empires.**

a. Describe the geographical extent of the Ottoman Empire during the rule of Suleyman the

Magnificent, the Safavid Empire during the reign of Shah Abbas I, and the Mughal Empire

during the reigns of Babur and Akbar.

b. Explain the ways in which these Muslim empires influenced religion, law, and the arts in their

parts of the world.

**SSWH13** **The student will examine the intellectual, political, social, and economic factors that**

**changed the world view of Europeans.**

a. Explain the scientific contributions of Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler, and Newton and how these

ideas changed the European world view.

b. Identify the major ideas of the Enlightenment from the writings of Locke, Voltaire, and

Rousseau and their relationship to politics and society.

**SSWH14** **The student will analyze the Age of Revolutions and Rebellions.**

a. Examine absolutism through a comparison of the rules of Louis XIV, Tsar Peter the Great, and

Tokugawa Ieyasu.

b. Identify the causes and results of the revolutions in England (1689), United States (1776),

France (1789), Haiti (1791), and Latin America (1808-1825).

c. Explain Napoleon’s rise to power, the role of geography in his defeat, and the consequences of

France’s defeat for Europe

d. Examine the interaction of China and Japan with westerners; include the Opium War, the

Taiping Rebellion, and Commodore Perry.

**SSWH15** **The student will be able to describe the impact of industrialization, the rise of**

**nationalism, and the major characteristics of worldwide imperialism**.

a. Analyze the process and impact of industrialization in England, Germany, and Japan,

movements for political reform, the writings of Adam Smith and Karl Marx, and urbanization

and its affect on women.

b. Compare and contrast the rise of the nation state in Germany under Otto von Bismarck and

Japan under Emperor Meiji.

c. Describe the reaction to foreign domination; include the Russo-Japanese War and Young

Turks, and the Boxer Rebellion.

d. Describe imperialism in Africa and Asia by comparing British policies in Africa, French

policies in Indochina, and Japanese policies in Asia; include the influence of geography and

natural resources.

**SSWH16** **The student will demonstrate an understanding of long-term causes of World War I**

**and its global impact**.

a. Identify the causes of the war; include Balkan nationalism, entangling alliances, and militarism.

b. Describe conditions on the war front for soldiers; include the Battle of Verdun.

c. Explain the major decisions made in the Versailles Treaty; include German reparations and the

mandate system that replaced Ottoman control.

d. Analyze the destabilization of Europe in the collapse of the great empires; include the

Romanov and Hapsburg dynasties.

**SSWH17** **The student will be able to identify the major political and economic factors that**

**shaped world societies between World War I and World War II.**

a. Examine the influence of Albert Einstein on science, Sigmund Freud on social thinking and

Pablo Picasso on art.

b. Determine the causes and results of the Russian Revolution from the rise of the Bolsheviks

under Lenin to Stalin’s first Five Year Plan.

c. Describe the rise of fascism in Europe and Asia by comparing the policies of Benito Mussolini

in Italy, Adolf Hitler in Germany, and Hirohito in Japan.

d. Analyze the rise of nationalism as seen in the ideas of Sun Yat Sen, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk,

and Mohandas Gandhi.

e. Describe the nature of totalitarianism and the police state that existed in Russia, Germany, and

Italy and how they differ from authoritarian governments.

f. Explain the aggression and conflict leading to World War II in Europe and Asia; include the

Italian invasion of Ethiopia, the Spanish Civil War, the Rape of Nanjing in China, and the

German annexation of the Sudetenland.

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**SSWH18** **The student will demonstrate an understanding of the global political, economic, and**

**social impact of World War II.**

a. Describe the major conflicts and outcomes; include Pearl Harbor, El-Alamein, Stalingrad, DDay,

Guadalcanal, the Philippines, and the end of the war in Europe and Asia.

b. Identify Nazi ideology, policies, and consequences that led to the Holocaust.

c. Explain the military and diplomatic negotiations between the leaders of Great Britain

(Churchill), the Soviet Union (Stalin), and the United States (Roosevelt/Truman) from Teheran

to Yalta and Potsdam and the impact on the nations of Eastern Europe.

d. Explain allied Post-World War II policies; include formation of the United Nations, the

Marshall Plan for Europe, and MacArthur’s plan for Japan.

**SSWH19** **The student will demonstrate an understanding of the global social, economic, and**

**political impact of the Cold War and decolonization from 1945 to 1989.**

a. Analyze the revolutionary movements in India (Gandhi, Nehru), China (Mao Zedong, Chiang

Kai-shek), and Ghana (Kwame Nkrumah).

b. Describe the formation of the state of Israel and the importance of geography in its

development.

c. Explain the arms race; include development of the hydrogen bomb (1954) and SALT (Strategic

Arms Limitation Treaty, 1972).

d. Compare and contrast the reforms of Khrushchev and Gorbachev.

e. Analyze efforts in the pursuit of freedom; include anti-apartheid, Tiananmen Square, and the

fall of the Berlin Wall.

**SSWH20 The student will examine change and continuity in the world since the 1960s.**

a. Identify ethnic conflicts and new nationalisms; include pan-Africanism, pan- Arabism, and the

conflicts in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda.

b. Describe the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 that produced independent countries; include

Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and the Baltic States.

c. Analyze terrorism as a form of warfare in the 20th century; include Shining Path, Red Brigade,

Hamas, and Al Qaeda; and analyze the impact of terrorism on daily life; include travel, world

energy supplies, and financial markets.

d. Examine the rise of women as major world leaders; include Golda Meir, Indira Gandhi, and

Margaret Thatcher.

**SSWH21 The student will analyze globalization in the contemporary world.**

a. Describe the cultural and intellectual integration of countries into the world economy through

the development of television, satellites, and computers.

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