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Modern History Honors Curriculum at a Glance

Overview

The Modern History course is a comprehensive survey of modern times. European, Asian, African, and American civilizations and cultures will be studied. Primary sources and interpretive documents are used to enlighten the time period and promote such critical thinking skills as analysis and evaluation. Comprehension and understanding of global interactions and their impact on nations, people and the world will be heavily emphasized. Students in Honors are expected to personally challenge themselves with a greater degree of responsibility and will be assessed for a deeper understanding of historical content through research, writing, and discussion skills. Additionally, students will be expected to be able to apply the global learnings to the current world around them.

Units of Study	
Unit 1 - Enlightenment and Revolutions	• Age of Absolutism • Age of Enlightenment • French Revolution • Haitian Revolution
Unit 2 - Industry and Progress	• Industrial Revolution • Urbanization
Unit 3 - Global Imperialism	• Nationalism • New Imperialism
Unit 4 - Global Conflicts	• WWI • WWII • Holocaust • United Nations
Unit 5 - Decolonization &	• Cold War



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Self-Determination: Cold War Proxy Wars	• Cold War Conflicts • Independence Movements
Unit 6 - Globalization and Governance	• International security • Terrorism • Global Migration • Globalization

