

**ST. CHARLES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SYLLABUS**

AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN

COURSE CURRICULUM

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: AP World History: Modern is an introductory college-level modern world history course. Students will cultivate their understanding of world history from c. 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation. The course focuses on helping students understand the “narrative” of world history with the general trends/historical developments supported with factual evidence from around the world. Students are challenged to analyze comparison across plays, causation across time, and identify continuities and changes over time.

As part of this course students will improve their work in core skills, such as: reading comprehension of primary and secondary source texts, note-taking strategies, productive discussion, and writing in diverse formats.

This course fulfills the Geography course requirement for 9th grade and is an elective course offering for grade levels: 10th - 12th. Most students enrolled in AP World History are Freshman and Sophomore students.

UNITS OF STUDY:

Semester 1:

- Unit #0: Foundations - to 1200 BCE
- Unit #1: The Global Tapestry
- Unit #2: Networks of Exchange
- Unit #3: Land-Based Empires
- Unit #4: Transoceanic Interconnections
- Unit #5: (P1) Enlightenment Revolutions

Semester 2:

- Unit #5: (P2) Industrial Revolution
- Unit #6: Consequences of Industrialization
- Unit #7: Global Conflict
- Unit #8: Cold War and Decolonization
- Unit #9: Globalization

COURSE TEXT:

Hansen, Valerie and Curtis, Ken: *Voyages in World History*, 3rd Edition, Cengage Learning, 2018.

GRADING SCALE:

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| 90% – 100% | A |
| 80% - 89% | B |
| 70% - 79% | C |
| 60% - 69% | D |
| 59% or below | F |

GRADING CATEGORIES:

5% - Homework

5% - Learning Checks

10% - Final

80%- Assessments

Additional Information:

- This course includes a summer assignment to be completed prior to the first semester of the course.
- Grade book categories and weights are the same for each semester.
- Major unit assessments will include: Learning Checks, SAQs, LEQs, DBQs, and Unit Multiple Choice Tests. These assessments may not be in every unit but will be present in each semester.
- Homework: Daily homework will be checked in and factored into a time management rubric at the end of each quarter. Homework completion is imperative to the course and for eligibility for any revision opportunities.
- All major unit assessments and the final exam must be completed in order to pass the course.
- Review Session possibilities are presented to students within each unit with before and after school opportunities to attend.