



MILITARY HISTORY



CONTACT INFO	REQUIRED MATERIALS
Room: A332	<p>Cummins, Joseph. <u>The War Chronicles: From Chariots to Flintlocks</u>. Beverly, Massachusetts: Fair Winds Press, 2008.</p> <p>Cummins, Joseph. <u>The War Chronicles: From Flintlocks to Machine Guns</u>. Beverly, Massachusetts: Fair Winds Press, 2009.</p> <p>(You get them from me-don't damage or lose them)</p> <p>I recommend you keep a three binder and a notebook. The handouts you receive will be of great benefit to you in preparing for unit tests, which comprise the majority of your grade.</p>

COURSE DESCRIPTION	SOME QUOTES
One cannot truly understand history without studying war. Unfortunately war and human existence go hand in hand. In this class you will learn about the strategy, tactics, technology, leadership, and logistics of some of the greatest conflicts in human history. By the time you leave, you will have a better understanding of, and appreciation for, the causes and consequences of warfare (the good, the bad and the ugly) and realize what a determining factor it is in shaping the present world.	<p>"Only the dead have seen the end of war."-Plato</p> <p>"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die." -Herbert Hoover</p> <p>"It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace." -Aristotle</p> <p>"There is no instance of a nation benefitting from a prolonged war." -Sun Tzu</p> <p>"War is sweet to those who have never fought." -Jennifer Rothenberg</p> <p>"A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed at some indefinite time in the future." -George Patton</p> <p>"War means fighting, and fighting means killing." -Nathan Forrest</p> <p>"I have never advocated war except as a means of peace." -Ulysses S. Grant</p> <p>"History teaches that wars begin when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap." -Ronald Reagan</p> <p>"Put your trust in God; but be sure to keep your powder dry." -Oliver Cromwell</p>

YOUR GRADE		GRADE SCALE
65%	Content Assessments (Unit Tests)	A 100-90%
15%	Skills & Applications (Film Analysis, Current Events, Article Review)	B 89-80%
20%	Final Exam	C 79-70%
		D 69-60%
		F 59-0%

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

You are upperclassmen, and most of you are seniors. Many of you will be going on to college next year. When designing this course, I kept that in mind. As such, the bulk of your grade is based on the tests we take, much like the majority of history courses at the college level. I expect you to take yourself and this course seriously. Pay attention, take notes, keep up with the readings and don't be afraid to speak up and participate; that is how you will get the most out of this course. If you ever have any questions or concerns, let me know. Most of what we do in class will run through Google Classroom, while most digital resources can be accessed on the Google site.

COURSE OUTLINE

We cover a lot of information in one semester, and I try to cater to the interests of the class. Therefore this outline is subject to change, but we will probably cover most of it in one way or another.

Unit I Ancient Warfare (Greek & Roman)

The Persian Wars, Alexander the Great, Rome

Unit II Medieval Warfare

The Battle of Tours, The Crusades, The Mongols, The Samurai

Unit III Gunpowder Revolution

The use of gunpowder weapons in war.

Unit IV World War I

The War to End All Wars

Unit V World War II

The Interwar Period, The Winter War, Blitzkreig, Eastern Front, Pacific Theater

Unit VI The Cold War Era

Korea, Vietnam, Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, Desert Storm

Unit VII Warfare in the 21st Century

Iraq, Afghanistan, The War on Terror, Syrian Civil War, China, Russia, etc.