

AP WORLD HISTORY

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TUTORIAL TIMES:

Monday through Thursday at 8:30am or afternoons by appointment only

Classroom Expectations:

- 1) Respect yourself – Take pride in your work. Set and meet individual goals. Smile.
- 2) Respect others – Promote a learning environment. Respect other opinions.
- 3) Respect the course – Be familiar with academic expectations. Maintain integrity.

Campus Policy:

All campus dress code, technology, tardy policy, and all behavioral policies of SPHS will be enforced in this classroom. Cell phones should be powered down and put away during instruction.

Grading Policy:

Your grade is YOUR responsibility. Remember that I do not GIVE grades – you EARN them. I will explain how every grade is scored prior to the work being done so that you will know how to meet your expectations. If you need to get a login for Home Access, sign up in the office so that you can keep track of your grade in my class. Make sure your parents are familiar with Home Access as well.

Tests/Essays = 40% (major unit exams, major essays, and projects – 2-3 per marking period)

Quizzes = 40% (based on your reading, multiple choice/short answer essay)

Daily Work = 20% (this includes your journal, class activities, and homework)

Late Work Policy:

- Once the class has turned in an assignment, anything received will be considered late.
- Late grades may earn up to a 70, and up to a 50 once the original assignments have been passed back. Students have 10 calendar days to turn in a late assignment, after that it will remain a zero in the grade book. This is school policy. It is imperative that students stay up to date with content covered.
- In some cases, an alternative assignment may be given to replace zeroes in the gradebook.
- For makeup grades due to absences, students have the number of days equivalent to the days they were absent to receive full credit before it becomes late.

Re-Teach/Re-Test Policy:

In the event that you fail a quiz, unit exam, or major essay, you will be given the opportunity to retake the quiz/exam or attempt another essay. To do so you must first complete an assignment that will help you review/practice the material that you did not learn prior to the test. Upon completion of the assignment you will be able to retake the exam for up to a 70%. All retakes and rewrites will be done during tutorials in my room.

Required Study Guides:

In addition to the required textbook (Strayer, 2nd edition), it is strongly recommended that each AP World student purchase an official study guide from either a bookstore such as Barnes and Noble or online at Amazon.com. There are many AP World study guides available from different publishers such as Princeton Review, Barron's, etc. Brand new guides are usually in the \$15-20 range, while used books can be purchased on Amazon or Half Priced Books for far less. I have several used copies I keep in my room for students to look at before making a decision, or to use during tutorials.

These guides are INCREDIBLY helpful, and I encourage students to use them to supplement their daily coursework. They are NOT a replacement for the required reading. They ARE, however, very useful as a quick review before quizzes and tests, and to help the student compile information in preparation for the AP exam in the spring. The majority of the top-performing students each year use these guides throughout the year to facilitate their learning. You would be wise to purchase one immediately!

Here are a few suggested links for supplementary AP guides: (Search Amazon for AP World)

[Princeton Review](#)

[5 Steps to a 5](#)

[Kaplan Review](#)

[Barron's Ultimate Guide](#)

Required Materials:

Textbook (Strayer, 2nd edition)

3-Ring binder (1" is ideal) with five dividers (labeled)

Dividers: Reading Guides, Quizzes, Essays, Handouts, Notes

Ballpoint Pens - Blue or black ink only. Bring multiple. We write a LOT.

Highlighters - Five colors (Yellow, Orange, Pink, Blue, Green). Required!

Composition Book - Bring only once and leave here. This will be your journal. Required!

Paper - College ruled. No spiral notebooks. I will not accept papers with perforations.

I have read the above information and understand what is expected to be successful in this course and in Mr. Thomas' classroom. I understand that I will need to return this form, signed by myself and my parent/guardian on or before August 24th.

Student Name (printed) _____ Period _____

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____

Parent Email (required) _____