

Mr. Wagner - World Cultures Syllabus

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World Cultures Overview - Over the course of the school year this class will focus on the culture and history of the following areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Europe (Middle Ages – Napoleon)➤ Africa➤ China➤ Japan➤ India➤ Middle East	<p>Grading Policy: grades are calculated on a straight forward points basis. 1pt earned from a homework assignment is worth the same as 1pt earned on a test. The school district grading policy will be followed for letter grade calculation. You can expect there to be about 400-500pts in a quarter with a majority of those coming from tests/quizzes and homework.</p>
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Classroom Procedures

- Drills completed on a daily basis within the 1st 2 – 3 minutes of class. This is an **INDIVIDUAL** assignment
- Homework can be checked for both completion and accuracy and needs to be turned in **ON TIME**.
- Materials needed every day – **pen/pencil, 3 ring binder, paper, textbook & Chromebook. Chromebooks need to be charged and ready to use every day.**
- Electronics, such as cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones should not be used during class unless needed for the lesson and approved by the teacher.
- **BE ON TIME** – walking through the door as the bell is ringing is considered late to class!!
- Respect the ideas of your classmates (You don't need to agree, but you do need to show respect)
- Students in this course may attend a field trip, appropriate dress will be required such as a collared shirt, tie, and dress pants for the men and something similar for the ladies. No t-shirts or jeans unless otherwise approved by the teacher.
- Absents – a zero will be entered in the gradebook for any graded assignment if you are absent that day. If the absence is excused, you will be allowed to make up the assignment in a timely manner. If you are on a field trip for another class you are expected to turn in any assignments that are due or check about any assignments that may have been assigned while you missed class. **It is your responsibility to make arrangements for missed work while absent.** District policy will be followed if it is determined that the absence was unexcused, this means that the zero will stay in the gradebook.
- As a general rule, assignments will not be accepted late. I do reserve the right to extend or change due dates on an individual basis as needed.
- **Academic Integrity & Plagiarism:** Copying another person's work and using it as your own will not be tolerated. If the teacher determines that plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty has occurred, disciplinary action will be taken that could include an adjustment in the grade and other appropriate discipline based on the offense.
- During the course students will be studying topics that will cover adult/strong themes such as the violence of war and methods of punishment. Specifically, students will be studying the Rwandan Genocide of 1994. As a part of this unit students will be reading the book *Left to Tell*. The book details the events of the genocide and covers the violent acts that occurred during that time, which includes some brief mentioning of rape and executions/murder. This unit helps fulfill the requirements set forth by the Commonwealth in Act 70 to have students learn more about topics such as genocide and other human rights violations. Please contact me if you have any concerns about this unit.

* The Instructor reserves the right to make changes to the Syllabus as needed