 **World History II**

**Mr. Holly/Ms. Colter Class Syllabus A122**

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**0verview:** This class will explore the important people, places and events of World History. Topics will include the following areas: Age of Absolutism, Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment, French Revolution, Latin American Revolutions, Industrial Revolution, Imperialism, World War I, Russian Revolution and Contemporary Global issues.

**Materials:** You will need the following items for this class **EVERYDAY**: your Academy Planner (out and visible), a 1” binder filled copious amounts of loose-leaf, and a writing utensil (pen or pencil).

**Goals:**

\*Students will improve their reading skills and ability to comprehend informative text. Students will

Improve their writing skills focusing on visible strong organization, clear expression of ideas and

demonstration of basic writing conventions.

\*Students will identify key terms, people, places and ideas from a variety of time periods and places

while developing critical thinking skills including comparing and contrasting across time periods and

cultures, applying our class themes consistently and correctly, evaluating critical decisions from the

past and using the 6+1 writing rubric for in- class essays.

\*Students will also learn to work effectively and efficiently as an individual and in a group setting with

various members of the class by completing a variety of tasks and projects including all required

elements and meeting all deadlines.

**Class Norms:** Every rule and procedure in this class is based in one or more of the following ideals:

**Promptness:** All class members will arrive to class on time and will be in their seat at by the tardy bell. Any student out of their seat after the bell will be marked tardy unless a pass is presented from an administrator or team member**. Bell work will be checked daily, students who enter class tardy will receive a 0 on their bell work for that day**.

**Preparedness:** All class members will arrive to each class with their planner, class binder, a writing utensil and, most importantly, a positive attitude. You will immediately begin bell work. Cell phones are to be put away during class time.

**Honesty:** All assignments, projects and tests will be completed honestly and with integrity. All incidents of cheating will result in a 0 for that assignment which may **NOT** be made up and may be reported to the administration and your parents.

**Respect:** All people, objects and places in this classroom are to be treated with kindness and respect. Maintain a clean and orderly work space, use trash cans, and **ABSOLUTELY** no writing/drawing on any surface (wall, table, textbook, etc.). Maintain a positive attitude with all class members- keep negative/destructive comments to yourself. Vulgar language (in any language) is absolutely unacceptable; find other ways to express yourself.

**Food and Drink:** Water with a resalable cap is the only drink allowed. Drink privilege will be taken away if we have to pick up bottles. There is no food allowed

**Interventions:** Consistent and continued disregard for the rules will result in the following:

1. Exclusion from class- hallway conference to clarify expectations.
2. Phone call home to parent.
3. Referral to 9th grade Liaison/Social Worker/Lead Teacher
4. Referral to 9th grade Administrator

# **Grading:** All students are required to keep a binder containing bell work, class notes and specified homework assignments. Binders will be checked randomly throughout the semester. Tests will consist of both objective questions and short and/or extended essays. 20% of your grade will come from formative assessments such as homework, bell work and classwork. 80% of your grade will come from summative assessments such as papers, projects, quizzes and tests and the final exam graded according to the following scale:

**100-93 A 76-73 C**

**92-90 A- 72-71 C-**

**89-87 B+ 70-70 C**

**86-83 B 69-67 D+**

**82-80 B- 66-63 D**

**62-60D-**

**79-77 C+ 59 and below results in an E**

**Participation:**

Class participation is an essential component of your grade that will help to form a positive and successful classroom environment for everyone.

**Other important information:**

-Make-up tests/quizzes will be given on Friday’s before or after school. All make-ups must be completed within one week of the absence and are the responsibility of the student. Failure to make-up a test or quiz within one week will result in a zero.

-To qualify for a retake you must not be missing any work from the chapter and you must follow the Fordson retake policy. To request a retake see Mr. Holly or Ms. Colter for the form.

-Attendance is essential to your success in this class; therefore, the district audit policy (any combination of absences and tardies over 9) will be enforced. 4 tardies = 1 absence. Remember, you need to score at least a 78% on the final, or you will face receiving reduced credit for this course.

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(Student Signature)

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