

WORLD HISTORY

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CLASS DESCRIPTION: This class will build on previous knowledge as we develop an understanding of historical events in the world leading to the development of the modern era.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

1. To familiarize the student with specific important historical events
2. To provide the student with an historical context for these events
3. To acquaint the student with primary historical sources
4. To strengthen the students' abilities to understand current events as they are influenced by history
5. To familiarize the student with principal historical documents

TEXTS

Coursework will draw EXTENSIVELY from sources available on the internet including but not limited to iTunesU and the class website. Please make sure your student has access either at home, at the school, public library or other sources.

CLASS TOPICS:

First Semester

- Greece
- Roman Republic
- Roman Empire
- Early Middle Ages
- World Religions

Second Semester

- Late Middle Ages
- The Renaissance
- Age of Reason
- Revolution
- Industrial Age

Note: During the class we will take part in readings, presentations, discussions and other activities. Your involvement in these activities will determine your class participation grade.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is available to students on the class webpage located at <http://www.blocksclass.com>. Other options for extra credit will be available to students on a periodic basis as provided by the teacher. Extra Credit will NOT be available to students for extra work at the end of the semester, etc. Students should avail themselves of extra credit when it is provided as it may not be an option later on.

Community Service: Students are required to do ten hours of service to the community each semester.

Grades: Grading is based on a 4 point grading scale similar to GPA

A	3.50-4.00
B	2.75-3.50
C	1.75-2.75
D	0.75-1.75
F	0.00-0.75

Late Work: Late work will result in a reduced grade. Late work must be arranged with the teacher on a case by case basis. No work will be accepted late after 4 days