

Melrose High School Syllabus

Department: Social Studies

Course Title: 307 & 322

World History 2

Course Description: Curriculum for this course covers the world history of civilization from the French Revolution century to the present. Topics include Absolutism, the development of constitutional monarchy and the French Revolution, the rise of the nation state in Europe, the Industrial Revolution, and 19th Century political reform in Western Europe. Imperialism in Africa, Asia and South America, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the Russian and Chinese revolutions, as well as a look at the world at the beginning of the 21st Century. Emphasis will be placed on critical reading and writing, as well as the primary source documents. Students are expected to complete four document-based questions as well as a 3-5 page research paper and 2-3 hours per week of independent practice such as homework, reading and projects in college prep. Students are expected to complete four document-based questions as well as a 4-6 page research paper and 3-5 hours per week of independent practice such as homework, reading and projects in honors.

MHS Learning Expectations:

- Write effectively using standard written English.
- Demonstrate the ability to read effectively.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.
- Demonstrate good citizenship.
- Demonstrate an understanding of tolerance and diversity, and respect for themselves, others and their school.

Essential Questions:

- What are the characteristics of a good ruler/government?
- What factors lead to conflicts between individuals? groups? nations?
- How can conflict lead to change?

<u>Students will know:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The rise and fall of absolute rulers● Examples of progress made during the period of revolution● Causes and effects of Nationalism● Global problems caused by European imperialism● Causes of both World Wars● Impact of the Cold War	<u>Students will be able to:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Analyze primary and secondary sources● Develop a clear thesis● Evaluate cause and effect● Complete and synthesize original research
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Course Outline:

Semester 1 (Quarter I and Quarter II)	Semester 2 (Quarter III and Quarter IV)
Absolutism Enlightenment and Revolution Nationalism Industrial Revolution Imperialism	World War I Interwar Period World War II Cold War Era Modern World

Primary Course Materials:

Textbook: *Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction*

Other materials: reference databases, such as ABC-Clio: Modern World History and Modern Warfare; various primary source materials

Student Materials: Students will need a notebook or loose-leaf paper and a binder. Additionally materials would be pen/pencil, at least one color highlighter, and ruler.

Grade Determination: The grades for each term will be determined using a weighted point system. Categories include: projects, tests, quizzes, essays, homework, classwork/class participation.

Major Assignments: The major assignments for this course include : 4 document-based questions, as well as a research paper, midyear, and final exam.

Midyear & Final Exams: Midyear and Final Exams will be given. These exams count as 10% of the respective semester grade. The average of the first and second quarter grades will count 90% in determining the first semester average. Similarly, the second semester average will include the average of third and fourth quarter grades at 90% and final exam at 10%. The average for the entire year will be the average of both semesters. Midyear and Final Exams will be included in determining placement for the coming year.

Q1 = 22.5% Q2 = 22.5% Midterm = 5% Q3 = 22.5% Q4 = 22.5% Final = 5%