

BRVGS World History I Syllabus

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Welcome to World History/BRVGS! This course will examine the history, technologies, physical features and cultures of various regions of the world from prehistory through present day, using the World History I curriculum. Through the analysis of course topics, we will uncover and understand the various political and economic systems, ideologies, and conflicts throughout history. Students will be required to think critically and analytically and will express such thoughts through written assignments, class activities and project based learning. Students will be required to take the World History I SOL in December.

Course of Study:

*[Units of study and course pacing](#)

*[Virginia Department of Education Standards of Learning for World History I](#)

Classroom Values: *The following expectations apply to everyone, everyday.*

1. Students are to follow all school rules as written in the handbook.
2. Bring all materials necessary for class (i.e. assignments, notebook, text and writing utensil) to every meeting.
3. Arrive to class on time, prepared to actively participate in your learning and to stretch your mind.
4. Take responsibility for your learning, your behavior, and your school work.
5. Be proactive in your coursework, going beyond the minimum requirements, allowing yourself to become engaged in the course material and activities, and be prepared to work both independently and collaboratively.
6. Behave in a mature manner, extending courtesy and respect to all persons in the classroom at all times. This includes respecting other people's property!
7. Use of electronic devices (Cell Phones/I-Pods etc) is not permitted without permission from the classroom teacher. Students do NOT have permission to take photographs of other students or teachers in the classroom. See the student handbook for the MCHS policy on personal electronic devices.
8. Have pride in your work and be willing to think critically.

Academic Expectations:

1. MAKE-UP WORK:
 - a. STUDENTS are responsible for make-up work. Be sure to check GoogleClassroom if you are absent. Please do not wait for your teacher to initiate make-up work or to seek you out to make up a test or quiz.
 - b. Procure any class notes missed either from a classmate, Google Classroom, or

- your teacher upon your return.
- c. The student and Mrs. Johnston will make arrangements for the appropriate time frame to have make-up work completed, **however**, a general rule is that work should be completed within the number of days the student was absent.
 - d. **SPECIAL NOTE:** If a student is absent the day a test or quiz is given, OR the day an assignment is due, the student should be prepared to take the test or quiz, or submit the assignment, upon his/her return to class.
2. **LATE WORK:** Late work will not be accepted after 5 school days beyond the due date for credit. Extenuating circumstances may be the exception. The overall score for late work will be deducted by 10 points per day.
 3. **TARDY TO CLASS?**
**When you are late to class, you miss valuable instruction AND class is disrupted, so please be on time!
*3rd tardy: Parent will be notified and advised next tardy will result in a referral
*4th tardy: Disciplinary Referral
 4. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**
Be SURE to read the MCPS policy carefully. See me if you have questions.

Suggested Supplies:

- 3-ring binder with blank paper and 3 sections (handouts, returned papers, notes) OR Spiral Notebook and a folder with pockets
- Pens/pencils
- 3-hole punch to keep in your binder (*optional*, but helpful)

Google Classroom:

Given this is a BRVGS course, when applicable, course assignments, instruction, and reminders will be posted in Google Classroom. Students must be sure to check our Google Classroom when they are absent for instruction and assignments.

Textbook Info:

Science and Technology in World History: James E McClellan III and Harold Dorn

Ancient World History: Holt McDougal

Supplemental Books and Readings:

Guns, Germs, and Steel: Jared Diamond

The Prince: Machiavelli

FIELD TRIPS and WORK DAYS:

Sept. 9: 1st Semester Project Kick-Off – Giuseppe Center – **return by 3:00 PM**

Oct. 6: Washington, DC Field Trip - Nat'l. Cathedral, Nat'l. Gallery of Art -

return to MCHS at 5:00 PM

Nov. 4: Project Work Day – Orange Co. HS Library – **Return to MCHS by 3:00**

Communication:

The best way to contact me is via my brvgs email. I will do my best to reply within 24 hours. Please note, I do not have a planning period this semester, so I will not be able to make phone calls until the school day has ended.