8th Grade Ancient World History

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| Instructor Phillip Mason Phone 480-345-2306 ext. 203 Email pmason@madisonprep.org | Course Overview Welcome to Ancient World History! I am looking forward to getting to know you as we explore the ancient world.  Ancient World History is a broad course. We will explore the dawn of human history and see how it reached out to the modern continents. Our world is vast, and we will look at the regions of the world both in isolation, and in the context of the world around them. We will learn about the Greek city-states, and the effects of Hellenization on the world. We will not only study China, but also the impact the Silk Road had other civilizations continents away. I am excited to see the world with you, and to observe all the connections that bind us together in human history. Classroom Texts World History: Connections to Today Vol. 1 ISBN:0-13-051011-4, Ellis, Elizabeth G.; Esler, Anthony  Various Primary Texts World History Course Content:  * Assessing similarities and differences between historical periods and between the past and present * Identify, compare, and evaluate multiple perspectives about a given event to draw conclusions about that event * Gather, interpret, and use evidence to develop claims and answer historical questions and communicate their conclusions * Analyze relationships among causes and effects and to create and support arguments using relevant evidence  Attendance Be present and on time to class every day. If you are absent, you are responsible for getting the notes and homework from the previous class. In order to keep pace with the material, you should obtain the notes and homework as soon as you return from school. If you need assistance in covering the material you missed, you can see me during study hall or office hours as soon as possible. |

# Materials Needed

* Pens/Pencils
* Loose Leaf Paper & Binder OR Notebook
* Organizational Dividers
* Writing Folder
* Note Cards
* Planner/Calendar (For Recording Assignments & Due Dates)

# Grading Policy:

Homework 25%

Participation 10%

Assessments 40%

Final 25%

# Procedures & Expectations:

1. Be in your seat and working on the “opener” when class starts.
2. Take notes every day during lecture. I will note particularly important parts in my lecture. If it written on the presentation, it should be written in your notes.
3. Do your homework. I will respect your time and ensure that all assignments provide value and can deepen your understanding of the material.
4. Study for all assessments. You know what methods work best for you, and I would recommend reviewing notes and creating flash cards to review information.
5. Utilize study hall time, and get a pass for direct instruction when necessary. Do not fall behind, all history builds on itself and the longer you wait the harder it will be to course correct.
6. Come to class ready to work and learn every day. Be actively engaged in each lesson. If anything is prohibiting you from fully engaging, it is your responsibility to bring that to my attention, and I will make accommodations as I see fit. I want you to succeed, but I can’t read minds!
7. Come to class with all needed materials.

# Late Work Policy

Late homework and writing assignments can be submitted for a 10% deduction per day late up to 50%. After the 50% deduction, assignments can be turned in for half credit until the end of the trimester it was assigned.

I have read and understand the Ancient World History 8th Grade Syllabus:

Printed Student Name:

Student Signature/Date:

Parent Signature/Date: