**Honors World Studies Syllabus**

**Lane Tech College Prep High School**

**Ms. Paras**

**2019-2020 School Year**

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*Course Description*

World Studies is an introduction to world history. The focus of this course is learning to identify main ideas and concepts, analyze maps, charts, tables, and use critical thinking skills to identify trends and patterns. This class is a one-year course covering Western Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

*Course Rules and Expectations*

* Come to class on time and be prepared to learn. Bring a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning.
* Be respectful of the classroom, your fellow classmates, your teacher, and yourself. This includes raising your hand, listening when others are talking, and being respectful of other peoples’ opinions.
* If you are having a problem related to this course please let me know! Be proactive. Communicate with me in person during my office hours or via email.
* Be fully present in class. Participate in all activities and discussions, do NOT use cell phones or wear headphones during class, and do NOT pack up early.
* Use language appropriate for the classroom.
* Appropriate snacks and drinks are welcome-please don’t bring smelly, messy food.
* Student I.D. must be worn at all times.
* LTAC Common Policies are also enforced in this course, as well as Lane Tech’s Policies (see planner).

*Class Materials*

In order to be successful in this course please bring the following materials everyday:

* Writing Utensil: pen or pencil. You must bring a pencil on exam days. Highlighters are also helpful.
* Spiral notebook: used only for this course. A large notebook is preferred.
* Textbook: You should already have a copy of our textbook, *World History: Patterns Of Interaction*. If you do not, see me. No need to bring it to class as we have a class set. There is an online version of the textbook as well.
* Folder or Binder: Semester exams include all material taught during that semester. Use a folder or binder to keep all your materials organized.

*Attendance*

Attendance is crucial for this course. If you know you will be absent inform me as soon as possible to make arrangements. In the case of an unplanned absence see me when you return to school. It is YOUR responsibility to get any assignments you missed. You can check the course website, ask a classmate, or email me. You have the amount of days you missed in order to make up the work. This requirement includes quizzes and tests. NO make-up assignments or exams will be allowed for unexcused absences or unexcused tardies.

*Grading Scale*

A= 90 - 100        B= 80 – 89      C= 70 – 79      D= 60 – 69     F= 59 and Below

*Other Grading Policies*

Grades for this course are based on homework assignments, in-class assignments, projects, written work, and exams.

Grades will be weighted according to the following categories:

Formative Assessments: 50% Summative Assessments: 40% Final Exam: 10%

All grades are posted in Gradebook, so you can keep track of your progress in this course. Let me know of any discrepancies immediately.

I will accept late work the day after an assignment is due for half credit. I will not accept late work past that time.

Assignments are considered turned in “on time” if they are placed in the bin at the beginning of class. If I have already collected the bin, the assignment is late.

All work turned in must be original. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. No credit will be given for an assignment that is plagiarized, and disciplinary action may be taken.

Cell Phone Policy: Students will receive a 0 on any test or quiz if a cell phone is out during assessments. To ensure this is not an issue I recommend keeping your cell phone in your backpack for the entire class period. In addition, students will receive a 0 if their cell phone is out during assignments when it is not authorized.

*Film Disclaimer*

This course involves the use of film to support student learning and engagement. The benefits of using film are numerous and well supported. Due to the subject matter of this course, film clips may include violence, inappropriate language, and scenes that may be visually difficult. Examples of films that may be shown include *The French Revolution (History Channel), World Wars (History Channel), Gandhi, The Lost Boys of Sudan, and Hotel Rwanda.* Parents, please complete the film permission slip that is in the same document as the syllabus affirmation form. If you have any questions about this policy please don’t hesitate to contact me.

*Miscellaneous Policies*

Lane Tech offers many exciting programs throughout the year that students are invited to attend with a signed permit. Usually I am willing to sign these permits, but it is teacher discretion. If you are absent due to one of these programs you must make arrangements to turn in any assignments the day of and makeup any exams.

*Google Classroom Codes*

Period 1: vtg0g4 Period 6: owmgdg3 Period 8: vix80i