**World History A**

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**Course Overview**: Students will be learning about the important events that have shaped World History beginning with the early civilizations in the Middle East, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and the Americas to the European Renaissance to today. This will be accomplished through lectures, reading, class assignments, homework, essays, projects, and tests which will assist students in acquiring this knowledge.

**Textbook**: McDougal Little, “World History: Patterns of Interaction”

**Student Requirements**:

* Folder or 3-Ring Binder/notebook **(*By September 9th, 2013)***
* Daily Writing Utensil
* Come to class prepared to learn, be engaged, and involved in classroom discussion
* Complete homework ***ON TIME***
* ***MOST IMPORTANT***: Be respectful to everyone and treat everyone like you want/should be treated
* ***RETURN*** this syllabus with a parent’s/guardian’s signature by September 6th, 2013 **(First Assignment – 10 Points)**

**Grading Scale**:

A+ (98-100), A (94-97), A- (90-93), B+ (87-89), B (84-86), B- (80-83), C+ (77-79), C (74-76), C- (70-73), D+ (67-69), D (63-66), D- (60-62), E (50-59), F (0-49)

**Grade Weight**:

Class Work/Assignments: 30%

Projects: 20%

Homework: 15%

Tests: 20%

Final Exam: 15%

**Classroom Rules, Policies, & Expectations**:

1. **Be on time** – Students must be on time and will be mark tardy, unless they present a pass from another class or the office. As per school regulations, each student will be allowed three tardies per class per nine weeks.
2. **Profanity** – Swearing will not be tolerated in the classroom. Any violation of this will result in a 1-hour detention and a phone call home to the parent/guardian.
3. **Dress Code** – All students must follow the dress code as outlined in the handbook which they received on the first day of school. Failure to follow it will result in the student being sent to the principal’s office and potentially missing that day’s lesson. In order to ensure that no class time is missed, students should carefully review the policy and follow it to the letter
4. **Respect** – ***ALL*** students are to respect each other at all times. Name-calling or derogatory references to a person’s gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or physical ability will not be tolerated at ***ANY*** time and will be considered as potential bullying behavior. A 1-hour detention will result from the first incident as well as a call home to parent/guardian. Further disrespect will increase the hours of detention and will result in a referral to the student’s grade principal as habitual and possibly bullying.
5. **Class Preparation** – Students are expected to bring their notebook to class ***EVERY*** day, along with a writing utensil. Paper will be provided each day. Occasionally, for a project, students will be required to purchase materials. This will be kept to a minimum and will only be necessary on a very rare basis. Students are expected to take notes, pay attention, have fun while learning, and try their very best at all times.
6. **IDs, Backpacks, & Phones** – ***ALL*** students must wear their ID at all times, ***NO EXCEPTIONS***. NO backpacks will be allowed in the classroom. Also, if phones are out, they will be confiscated, unless for an emergency or special reason discussed previously with a student’s parent/guardian.

**Absences, Assignments, & Late Policy:** All homework assignments will be due two days after they are assigned, unless otherwise specified. Only excused absences will warrant the provision of make-up work for absences from the classroom. If you need missing assignments or PowerPoints, there will be a ***LIMITED*** supply of extra copies in the classroom and/or you can visit the classroom’s website, <http://coryhistory.wikispaces.com/>, to get that information. I will do my best to keep this as up to date as possible for your convenience.

**Extra Credit**:

Due to budgetary constraints, we are struggling with providing enough supplies for our students. In order to resolve this, I have decided to offer extra credit for those students who can bring in particular items. These points will be limited to a maximum of 20 for the trimester for the bringing in of these items:

* Box of Kleenex 10 points
* Package of loose leaf notebook paper (Min. of 250) 20 points
* Box of pencils (No. 2 & Min. of 12) 10 points
* Box of colored pencils (Min. of 12) 15 points
* Box of fine point, washable markers (Min. of 12) 20 points

Lastly, I encourage parental involvement as much as possible and I am looking forward to having a great year in the classroom and advancing the education of all of my students.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read the above information together and (Student name) agree to abide by the rules of Mr. May’s classroom and that of Columbia Central High School and the Columbia School District.

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**OPTIONAL**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian E-mail)

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