

The West and the World Course Outline

TEACHER: _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of history is not merely about dates and events. To study history is to understand the world and the triumphs and failures of humanity. In history one rediscovers the past, understands the present, and prepares for the future.

Our course outlines the significant people and events of the western world from the 16thC to recent times. The course provides a broad exploration of western historical themes, ideas, and concepts and pushes the history student to make connections between the events and the ideas of the past to those of the present day.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Active participation in class discussion and regular reading of the text and assigned readings are essential for the successful completion of this course. Students will be required to take part in seminars, group presentations and performance tasks. There will be one essay, 2 tests and a final exam.

EVALUATION

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT – ESSAY	20%
COURSE WORK	50%
TEST (Unit 1)	
SEMINAR (Unit 1)	
ARTEFACT ASSIGNMENT	
TEST (Unit 2)	
FILM REVIEW	
COURSE CULMINATING ACTIVITY	10%
CONCEPT MAP	
FINAL EXAM	20%
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TOTAL	100%

Course work is divided equally among knowledge/understanding thinking/inquiry, communication and application assignments.

Your final mark will be based on the most recent, consistent performance. The course mark is calculated by omitting the lowest mark from each of the learning areas.

DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

In order to be successful in this course learning skills are of the utmost importance. The History and Contemporary Studies Department follows the policies that are outlined in the agenda

Tests and major assignment dates that are missed due to absence must be accompanied by authorized documentation. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an alternative time and date with their teacher. There will be due dates and deadlines - late assignments will not be accepted past the deadline.