**Mr. Laitio’s World History 1H (2012-13)**

Welcome to World History 1 Honors! This course will offer an in-depth analysis of our global society, spanning from its roots to modern-day events. Topics such as culture, geography, religion, politics, and economics will be connected to daily lessons. Ongoing issues from various regions’ past and their relation to today’s world will serve as the primary content and basis of discussions in this course.

Throughout the time spent in this course, students will be challenged with diverse sources of information. The course textbook will serve as the foundation, but outside reading excerpts, video, and other forms of multimedia will be used. Such resources will be made available in class or via the class site.

In terms of actual day to day procedures, I hope to lead the most interactive class possible. Every class will follow a similar structure, by starting with a warm-up prompt. Therefore, it is important for students to be on-time and prepared to start as soon as class begins. Students will then be engaged in various forms of instruction. These activities will mainly be individual writing assignments and/or group projects. Homework will be assigned twice a week (Monday and Thursday). Lastly, there will be a short weekly quiz given on the last day of every unit.

Grading will be conducted via a point-based system, with group projects and writing assignments carrying more value than other assignments. My goal is to learn more about each individual student’s strengths and weaknesses, and then to tailor instruction towards his/her needs. Therefore, my grading will take into account individual progress, effort, and overall participation. Integral to success in this course is an ability to complete all assignments **ON TIME** and participate either orally or through writing prompts. Absences and personal issues are absolutely taken into account. Still, it is the student’s responsibility to find out what work they are missing and whatever make-up assignments are available.

I will be available as often as possible during advisory and other times of the day, so students should feel free to come in for further assistance. If a parent/guardian has any concern, I can be reached via phone or email (However, e-mail is the best way!).

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW, SIGNIFYING THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE COURSE SUMMARY.**

**Student Name: ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**World History 1H - QUICK TABLE OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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| **Class Website** | **http://mvhsworldhistory1honors.weebly.com** |

**Materials Needed:**

**-Spiral notebook or a composition book that is specifically for this class. You will be turning in this notebook from time to time, so be sure to keep it up to date.**

**-Pen or pencil to use during daily writing assignments**

**-Lastly, any donations of markers/crayons/color pencils will be greatly appreciated. The class will be involved in multiple creative arts projects.**

**Important Dates:**

**February 14 – Progress reports sent home**

**March 21/22 – First Final**

**April 26 – Progress reports sent home**

**June 5/6 – Second Final**