Middle School World History

Course Number: SS1105  
Grade level: 6-8  
Credits: 1.0  
Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description
Providing students with an opportunity to learn the diverse history that has shaped our world, SS1105 delves into the evolution of civilization from the rise of ancient empires through the 21st century. Middle school students enrolled in this exciting and informative course will investigate the development of medieval societies, the effects of the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the progress made during different periods of revolution, industrialization, urbanization, and reform. Over the course of two semesters, students will analyze contributions of political conflicts and social issues to the continuing development and interdependence among nations in the modern world.

Course Objectives
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify and characterize early human civilizations throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.
- Explore the creation and evolution of government throughout history from ancient civilizations to present day.
- Analyze the influences of colonialism, imperialism, and religion on various civilizations and societies throughout history.
- Describe various revolutions and movements that have influenced societies including the Age of Exploration, the Scientific Revolution, the Age of Enlightenment, and the Renaissance.
- Examine various conflicts throughout world history and how these conflicts have affected various societies.
- Investigate diverse technologies and the impact that these technologies have had on cultures throughout history.

Student Expectations
This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5-7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks.
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson.
- Assessments including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams.
Communication

- You are encouraged to communicate regularly with the school support staff through discussions, e-mail and online chat. We will regularly post system announcements. Instructors and academic success coaches are available during normal school hours to provide on-demand support.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

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Scope and Sequence

When you log into the Virtual Classroom, you can view the entire course map, which provides a scope and sequence of all topics you will study. Clicking a lesson’s link in the course map leads to a page listing instructional activities, assignments, and learning objectives specific to that lesson. The units of study are summarized below.

Unit 1: Era: The Beginnings of Human Society
Unit 2: Era: Early Civilizations
Unit 3: Era: New Empires
Unit 4: Era: Regional Civilizations
Unit 5: Era: The Age of Encounters
Unit 6: Era: An Age of Revolutions
Unit 7: Era: The Modern World