

## World Studies: Course Syllabus

Ms. Avery Room 114

### Required Materials:

- Textbook- *World History* by Ellis and Esler
- 3-ring binder with pockets & loose-leaf paper or spiral notebook & pocket folder
- pens and pencils for writing, student planner

### Course Description:

This course covers the history of ancient Greece & Rome, Medieval Times, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the Industrial Revolution, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, & the Cold War. The Nuclear Age, Korea, & Vietnam will be covered as time allows. Aspects of each era will be studied, such as religion, politics, economics, geography, & other cultural traits.

This is a rigorous course which covers a large amount of material. To succeed in this class, it is imperative to attend class and complete assignments in a timely manner. Some work must be completed outside of class to maximize instructional time in the classroom. Assignments may include (but are not limited to) group projects, research papers, in-class presentations, reading and writing assignments and worksheets. There will be regular tests over the material throughout the year and a cumulative final exam at the end of each semester.

### Grading Policy:

The grading scale listed in the Carterville High School Student Planner/Handbook is as follows:

A = 94-100	C = 77-83
A- = 93	C- = 76
B+ = 92	D+ = 75
B = 91-85	D = 74-69
B- = 84	D- = 68
C+ = 83	F = 67-0

Point totals for coursework will differ. Tests, research papers and group projects will be worth more than daily homework assignments. You can calculate your grade at any point during the semester by adding up the total points you have earned, dividing them by the total points possible, and multiplying the answer by 100 to give you the percentage.

### Absenteeism, Tardiness, Make Up Work and Late Work:

Absenteeism and tardiness will be dealt with according to the policies listed within the student handbook. Make up policies are also listed in the handbook. It is solely the responsibility of any student who has missed class to obtain any make up work, following their return to school, and to complete this work within the time frame given in the student handbook. Failure to make up work missed due to absences will result in a grade of zero for each assignment missed, and this will have a negative impact upon the overall grade. Late work will be penalized by 50% the first day it is late, and it will not be accepted beyond the first day past its due date.

### Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism:

Plagiarism or cheating of any other form will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is defined as a piece of writing or other work that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work. If a student is found to have cheated in any way, they will automatically receive a zero for the work and will face the disciplinary consequences outlined in the student handbook.

### Classroom Expectations:

We will all work to make this classroom a positive learning environment. In order to achieve this goal, I expect all students to:

- Be respectful of your teacher, fellow students, and property
- Come to class on time and prepared with the proper materials.
- Take notes during class, complete assignments on time, and come prepared for exams
- Come see me if you need help, and don't be afraid to ask questions
- Be in your seat when the bell rings and do not line up at the door when class is almost over- you will not be dismissed until I dismiss you
- Behave in a non-disruptive manner. I will not tolerate any student disrupting my teaching or the learning of others.
- Treat substitute teachers with respect. Any student who is disruptive for a substitute teacher will be dealt with severely, in accordance with the disciplinary measures detailed in the student handbook.
- Take responsibility for your actions and words.

### Student Success:

To be successful in World Studies, it is imperative that you come to class prepared, take notes and participate in class discussions, complete all assignments on time, and ask for help if you need it. Your notes and assignments are valuable resources for test preparation, so it is important that you save all course materials and use them to review for exams. In addition, success depends upon maintaining a positive classroom environment. If you follow the expectations that have been outlined for you in this syllabus and the student handbook, you should have a successful semester in this class!

### Contact Information:

At anytime during the semester, you may contact me in one of the following ways:

#### Phone:

Cartersville High School: (618) 985-2940, extension 219

#### Email:

savery@cartersvillelions.com

I check my voicemail and email daily, unless something unforeseen happens, and I will get back to you in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, need help, or have any matter that you would like to discuss with me. I feel that open communication between students, parents, and teachers facilitates the best possible learning outcome.