



FREEDOM PROJECT ACADEMY

Course Syllabus

World History and Humanities

Course Description:

Students will explore early to modern civilizations and their history, art, architecture, writing, and music. The primary focus of the course will be the rise of the early European nations and their wide-ranging effects on the rest of the world. The course will survey:

Assyrian and Persian Empires

How the Greeks were one of the most far-reaching influential civilizations

The manner in which Egypt flourished unimpeded by other civilizations.

The means by which the Roman Empire spread and ultimately failed.

The Renaissance of discovery and social change in the early/late Middle Ages

The birth of the nation states in Europe

The economic advancement and competition between the nations

The wars between the nations

The Revolutions that failed but brought about change in Europe

Why WWI could have been avoided.

How WWII came about and Hitler's rise to power

The effects of the wars on the world

The Cold War and the modern era

Major Topics of Study:

Early Mesopotamian History, Writings, Art

Ancient Egypt History. Writing System, Architecture, Art

Greek Civilization History, Writing, Art, Early Music, Architecture

The Roman Empire Art Architecture Writing

The Middle Ages History, Architecture, Writing, Art

The Late Middle Ages Architecture, Writing, Art

Enlightenment and Revolution, Scientific Revolution, Art, Architecture, Writing

The Modern World: Modern Trends in Writing, Art, Architecture and Music

Global Conflict/Cold War

Current Global Issues

Text/Required Materials:

The Humanities in Western Culture (optional; materials available from instructor) Geography II

Grading:

Assignments: 30%

Quizzes: 30%

Tests: 30%

Participation: 10%

The lowest two scores will be dropped each semester.

Attendance/Participation:

Weekly attendance in the course is key to individual success. This is an interactive course requiring class participation and discussion. If you are unable to attend class, please notify the instructor in advance.

Expectations/Guidelines:

Students will read, research and write about current topics through history responses, class presentations, and positive feedback with other students in the classroom through discussion boards on Canvas. Students will have weekly/bi-weekly quizzes on readings as well as write and research topics of interest throughout the course. There will also be one student presentation per semester on a chosen topic.