



# Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

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## World Cultures

2014-2015

### Course Description:

This course focuses on the events and themes that have shaped the cultures of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America from 1500 to the present. Students will examine and analyze the political, economic and cultural forces that have led to the development of the modern world outside of the United States.

### Course Content:

Semester One: Western Civilization 1450 – Present

- Unit 1: What is Culture?
- Unit 2: Enlightenment & French Revolution
- Unit 3: Napoleonic Era
- Unit 4: Congress of Vienna, Nationalism, and Industrial Revolution
- Unit 5: Colonialism and Imperialism
- Unit 6: Russian Revolution
- Unit 7: Modern Day Europe

Semester Two: Asia, Africa & Latin America 1450 – Present

- Unit 8: Religions in the Middle East
- Unit 9: Middle East
- Unit 10: China and Japan/Asian Philosophies
- Unit 11: Hinduism and India
- Unit 12: Modern Day Africa
- Unit 13: Central & South America

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

"Modern World History Patterns of Interaction",  
McDougal Little, 2007

### Course Requirements:

This course is designed to give students a greater understanding of the forces and events that have played a role in shaping the political, social and economic structure of the world in the modern era. Students will be required to work individually as well as with their peers throughout the year to both learn and master the material covered in the course. Their progress will be monitored and assessed through various methods such as in-class work, homework, quizzes, tests, writing assignment and projects. Each student is required to complete all work assigned by the teacher. Failure to do so will affect the student's overall grade.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
<b>Final</b>	<b>20%</b>

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer reading assignments for this course.