



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

World Cultures

2013-2014

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: Revolutions
- Unit 3: Napoleonic Era
- Unit 4: The Development of Nationalism in the 19th Century
- Unit 5: The Russian Revolution
- Unit 6: Modern Day Europe
- Unit 7: Colonialism and Imperialism

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

- Unit 1: Religions/Philosophies
- Unit 2: Middle East
- Unit 3: China and Japan
- Unit 4: Africa
- Unit 5: Central & South America

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

"Modern World History Patterns of Interaction", Beck, Black, Krieger, Naylor & Taylor,
Publisher: 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 assignments 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 midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer reading assignments for this course.