**MODERN WORLD HISTORY SYLLABUS**

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**Course Overview**:

Modern World History is an entry level course designed to help in the educational transition of students from middle school to high school. The content of the course will examine the past four centuries of World History, and the movements, events and people that shaped the world into what it is today. Key units of study will include revolutions, imperialism, World War I and II, Cold War, decolonization and the impact of modern globalization. Students will begin to develop their research skills, and a comprehensive research paper is required to earn credit for this course.

**Social/Behavioral Expectations**- Students are expected to follow all district/school/department procedures which can be found in the student handbook or online at whps.org- <http://whpsconard.sharpschool.net/for_students/student_handbook>

**Bathroom**- Use your judgment as to whether you really need to go. Class will not stop while you are out and you are responsible for the material covered while you are gone. Quietly ask permission and sign out so there is a record of who was out and when.

**Textbooks**- The text book for our class is *Modern World History – Patterns of Interaction* There will be a class set of books-they will be distributed when needed. There is also an online text book. The information is listed below, and on my website.

To access the online text follow the directions below:

1. Go to [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com)
2. Create a student account - choose our book and enter the activation code 2468041-160

**Assignments/Assessments**-Will have a “due” date. If you turn it in on that date you are ***guaranteed*** the opportunity to get timely feedback and the opportunity to revise your work. The longer it takes to get your work in the less time I will have to give you feedback and the less time you will have for revisions. Please budget your time accordingly.

**Homework**-No grade for homework itself, but there will be various assessments based on the homework. A lot of your assessments will be open notes, so it will be in your best interest to complete all homework assignments. I will track complete and not completed homework in Power School but you will not be given a “grade” for homework.

**Materials:** Each student will need the following items for class and be expected to bring them to class everyday\*:

* Notebook-Preferably a three ring binder.
* A pencil or pen
* A flash drive
* Folder-If you choose not have a binder you will need a folder to keep your papers and handouts organized.

\*\*\**If you come to class unprepared it is your responsibility to find the appropriate materials. I will have a limited supply of paper and pencils. If they are gone you will have to find some from your peers.\*\*\**

**Mr. Lussier’s Schedule**

* Period 1 – MWH Room 163
* Period 2 – MWH Room 163
* Period 3 – MWH Room 163
* During all other periods I can be found in the Social Studies Office-Rm 102.

I will also be available for help before school and after school by appointment.

**Grading Policy:**

Please see the attached letter home, which needs to be signed no later than **September 5, 2013.**

The Modern World teachers at Conard High School have chosen four benchmark Social Studies skills to measure your progress and achievement each quarter towards the expectations of this course. These skills include: ***Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Writing and Speaking, Research and Inquiry, and Habits of Mind.***

These skills help comprise numerous rubrics which will assess your work on various performance tasks. These assessments will then combine with the midterm and final exams to determine your final grade. Please see the breakdown below.

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| **Quarter Grade**  | **Final Grade** |
| Discussion – 20% | 1st Quarter – 42.5% |
| Writing – 20% | 2nd Quarter – 42.5% |
| Presentation – 20% | *Midterm Exam – 15%* |
| Habits of Mind – 10% | 3rd Quarter – 42.5% |
| Content Knowledge – 30% | 4TH Quarter – 42.5% |
|  | *Final Exam – 15%* |

Each assignment will be given a deadline. You can expect homework each night. All homework assignments will be posted on the board, in the syllabus, and on the class website, and should also be recorded daily in your agenda. Points will not be deducted from assignment scores for late work, but failure to meet deadlines will be reflected in Habits of Mind. Deadlines will be established each quarter for late work. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to locate and make-up the assignments from that day.

Please read this over with your parents/guardians and sign below.

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