

# Welcome to Modern World History (1890s-2000s)

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**“Understanding our past is central to our ability to understand ourselves and the world around us.” -James Loewen**

## CLASS OVERVIEW

This course serves as the foundation for an understanding of the development of the world's powers throughout the past century. Along the way, we will develop both literacy skills and presentation skills.

## **Key Learning Strategies**

- Read and make meaning from a wide range of text
- Practice annotations and note-taking strategies
- Organize and write effective informative pieces using MLA citations
- Contribute to a variety of small group and whole class discussions
- Present information appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (**practice formal presentation skills**)
- Make connections to current issues, people, and events

CLASS RULES So that you can learn and I can teach, I have a set of rules to ensure we have an orderly and successful classroom.

1. **BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL.** Treat each person in this room with dignity and be polite. Respect the classroom; no gum, food, or hats/hoods...you can have drinks just not pop, energy drinks, etc. When you disagree, disagree respectfully at an appropriate time.
2. **BE READY TO WORK HARD.** Come to class on time and prepared. Bring appropriate materials. Complete assignments and homework on time. Take responsibility for your learning by getting the help you need when you need it. I am here to help you succeed.
3. **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GIVEN.** Listen to directions. Be engaged. And always keep your head up.

Consequences for choosing to follow rules:

Positive feedback  
A stress free, pleasant class  
More time to work during class

Consequences for choosing to not follow rules:

Warning

After school

Failure to show up at scheduled time after school brings you to step 4.

Parent contact and an Action Plan to improve behavior

Incident report and/or parent contact

Important rules to consider:

- Much of the coursework will be accessible digitally. It is expected that you will bring your charged laptop to class each day. We will use it daily.
- Phone use: No phones, no earbuds. Pouch your phone when you enter the classroom: your pouched phone will be used for attendance. Communicate with me if you need it for an emergency
- For each unexcused tardy expect to have 3 points deducted from your timeliness: check power school if you're wondering how it is affecting your grade. Be on time.

These consequences may be modified based on severity of infraction.

### CLASS PROCEDURES

Procedures are important for creating an effective and successful learning environment.

**Start of class and end of class:** You are expected to review the day's learning targets and complete any warm up task when you enter the classroom. Often this will be done in Google Classroom, so have your laptops ready. I use the last few minutes of class to review the day's lesson and remind you of upcoming due dates. You will be dismissed after these announcements.

**Notes:** You will often take notes (lecture notes or Cornell notes). If you are absent, you are responsible for requesting the notes from another student or see me for a copy. Information from your notes, as well as all of your assignments, are important for your unit tests.

**Homework/assignments:** need to be done *at the beginning of class* to be considered on time.

**Late work:** You begin with a bank of points called "Timeliness" (30 points) for the trimester. For each assignment turned in late, 3 points will be taken from this total.

**Absences:** You have the amount of days you were absent to turn in assignments for full credit.

**\*\*You are responsible for REQUESTING the missed work from me before or after school. If you have missed a quiz or test, you have one week to make it up. You need to schedule a time to make up quizzes and tests.**

· Missing work due to absences or traveling will be a zero until made up. You will be given credit for the assignment when it is turned in.

## GRADING

A= 90% to 100% B=80% to 89% C=70% to 79% NC=below 70%

Grades will be determined on a point system.

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Assessment 40% Skills Practice= 50% Life Skills= 10% (timeliness, participation, etc.)

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** In signing the technology agreement at the beginning of the school year, you contracted not to plagiarize. Consequences for plagiarism are: 1<sup>st</sup> offense: No Credit for assignment; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense or severe 1<sup>st</sup> offense: No Credit for class. Do not cheat.

Plagiarism is:

- To steal and use the ideas or writings of another as one's own
- To appropriate passages or ideas from another and use them as one's own
- To take and use as one's own the writings or ideas of another
- When using another's thoughts or ideas in your work, whether you have considered, paraphrased or quoted them, ALWAYS cite your sources! (Drake)

## COMMUNICATION

My email address is michaelh@mehs.us. My phone number is 966-3211. The best time to reach me is during my prep or after school. I always welcome emails, Google hangouts, or phone calls from you or your home. I am available to discuss topics relating to our class or your stay here at MEHS.

**I believe in your potential to succeed in this class. Have an awesome trimester!**