

2008 CP Western Civilization Syllabus

This course's main goal is to show the student how the arts (music, art and literature) were shaped by the historical period in which they were formed. Students will study six main areas of history and will learn the political, social and artistic facts for each. It is in your best interest to show up for class and do all readings and homework. It also might be of use to keep all assignments that have been graded during the quarter in case of a discrepancy later.

Grading: This class will use a point system to figure out your grade. Each assignment is worth a set number of points. You should be able to keep track of your grade in this way. I will let you know once a week what your grade is. If your grade is sufficiently low I will be in contact with your parents to try to find the best way to help you succeed.

Homework: Most homework will consist of study guides, section reviews and worksheets. Homework can be turned in one day late for half credit. No homework will be accepted after one day late.

Current Events: We will be discussing current events on a daily basis in class. Students are encouraged to bring in articles that interest them or that they wish to discuss in class. It is important for students to know and understand what is going on in the world around them and how it affects their daily life.

Special Projects: You will have a variety of projects during the course. These assignments will include a paper on a famous writer, power point art presentations and a history monopoly board. These assignments will be given to you in plenty of time for you to be able to work on it. Each assignment will be worth in the neighborhood of 200 points. If it is one day late, it will be worth a maximum of 165 points. Two days late will be 140 points. Anything more than two days late will be a zero.

Classic Novels: You are responsible for reading three novels in this class. The first two novels are The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli and the second is Candide by Voltaire. Everyone in the class is responsible for these books and the questions that go with them. You will select the third book from the accompanying list. You will be given due dates for each of the books during the first week of class. These books will be discussed in class and the questions will be due on a prearranged date.

Tests and Quizzes: Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. They will be worth in the range of 70-100 points each. These tests will consist of multiple choice, true/false and essays. Quizzes will be worth around 10 points each and will be based on prior reading done for class or material discussed in class. You are expected to take the test or quiz the next day after your absence if you knew about the assignment. If you were absent for a few days, you will have three days to make up a test or turn your assignment in. If you do not have an excused absence for the day of a test or presentation, you will receive a 0. (school policy)

Reading for Comprehension: Students are expected to bring a book with every Monday. This book may be on any topic but must be with you at the beginning of class. If you fail to bring a book with, you will be sent to the office.

Extra Credit: Extra credit may be given during the course but can only be done by students that have completed at least 90% of the coursework. It is unfair for a student to be able to do extra credit if they failed to do the actual work.