**Ancient History**

**Course Description:**

This course will cover the history and cultures of the ancient world. The primary focus will be on Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, India, the Greek civilizations and the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. The history, geography, cultural identity and impact on the modern world will be studied in-depth. Students will reinforce map skills, interpret mythology, and strengthen written and verbal communication of historical information.

Current events related to the discipline will be incorporated into lessons. Guest speakers will support various concepts.

Notes are posted on the class website as are major assignments and projects. Students are expected to participate and speak in class on a regular basis. Assignments are typically given in advance with more than one day to complete.

**Topics Covered:** Comparative Religions

 Ancient Mesopotamia

 Ancient China

 Ancient India

 Ancient Egypt

 Ancient Greeks

 Roman Empire

 Aztec, Inca and Mayan Civilizations

**Projects:** Ancient History Research Project and Presentation

 Foreign Country Selection and Current Events Updates

**Current Events:**

An important part of this class is the regular discussion of current events. Students are expected to add to the discussion of events. Some current events will result in different opinions and feelings depending on the issue. It is important that students express their thoughts appropriately and that they are respectful of those opinions with which they disagree.

**Class Rules:**

1. Be Prepared
2. Be respectful
3. Have Fun

Discipline is rarely an issue in this class and is typically resolved before formal disciplinary steps need to be taken. No food, drinks, sleeping, hats or ear buds. Inappropriate use of cell phones or any other electronic devices is grounds for a classroom detention or other disciplinary measures. Students must sign out and take a pass when they leave class for any reason. Participation points are deducted for behavior issues.

**Grading:**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

0-59 F

Grades are earned by the student and not given by the teacher. Grades are based on earned points divided by total points that come from tests, quizzes, assignments, homework and projects. Generally there is no extra credit and periodic bonus points can be earned.

**Absences & Makeup Work:**

It is the student’s responsibility for any missed work. Assignments are posted on Sapphire and it is important that both the student and parent/guardian check their grades regularly for any missed assignments or grading concerns. No tests can be made up during regular class. Students need to make arrangements to take any makeup tests.

**Textbook:**

None

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I have read and understand the course syllabus and class guidelines: Ancient History

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