

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for Mr. Eisenberg's Global History Classes.

Q: What do I need in order to be considered "prepared" for class?

A: You must maintain an organized notebook. Always have it in class. I recommend loose-leaf. You will need pencil and pen. You will need a pencil for every exam. On occasion, you will be asked to bring a textbook to class.

Q: What's your attendance policy?

A: You must be here. Cuts will be reported. Enough said.

Q: Do you give a lot of homework?

A: I do not believe in giving homework just to keep you busy. I only give homework that is part of the curriculum, and that adds to an understanding of our work in class. That having been said, some weeks will require work every night, while other weeks will involve fewer assignments.

Q: How often will we have tests?

A: Major exams will be \approx every 2 weeks. There may be quizzes in between, and the occasional surprise!

Q: What about extra help?

A: I offer extra help almost every day after school. Simply let me know that you plan to attend.

Q: How will my grade be determined?

A: It will consist of several parts. Test grades count as 60% of your grade, with participation equaling 25%, and homework comprising the remaining 15%.

Q: Why haven't you addressed conduct in class yet?

A: Because you have already spent one year in high school, and we both know that you know how to behave in class. At this age, failure to behave properly is a choice. A foolish choice, which simply wastes everyone's time.

Q: What will we cover this year?

A: This class is a continuation of the Global History curriculum that you began as 9th Graders. We begin with the French Revolution, and move forward to the current world in which we live. All along, our goal is to look at what happened in the past in order to understand the ways those events helped to create the world in which we live today.

Q: Will there be a state exam for this course?

A: Yes. The state requires that you take a Regents exam in Global History. It includes information from both 9th and 10th grade Social Studies. Naturally, we will draw connections to last year's material throughout the class in addition to review for the state exam. The mid-term that is given in January will also include 9th grade material.

Q: How is my grade for the full year determined?

A: Each quarter gets doubled, and the Regents counts once in the grade. In other words, each quarter counts equals 2/9 of your grade for a total of 8/9, with the Regents exam counting as 1/9.

Q: Will we see any films?

A: Yes. As with any other class activity, we only do this if it is going to contribute to understanding the issues being addressed in class. Although I hope you will enjoy these films, it is not the only reason that they will be shown. I have some films in mind, but I will listen to suggestions.

Q: Do you have a web site?

A: Of course! You can find it at: <http://www.abcandj.com/socialstudies.html>

Q: What is the school's policy regarding iPods and cell phones?

A: Although you may have electronic devices with you, you are not permitted to interrupt class with them. There is no reason that these devices should **ever** go off in class. Should there be an urgent situation that requires your immediate attention, your family can easily get in touch with you via the main office. The phone numbers are **228-5330** or **228-5335**. The administrators and secretaries will not hesitate to get you out of class if your parents call with an emergency. Please make sure that your parents are aware of the policy, and most importantly, the phone number.

These are some of the questions that I have anticipated that you might have. If any of the answers are unclear, ask, and I will clarify. If I have failed to anticipate an important question, please ask! That is why I am here!!!!

Please download these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) from my web site at <http://www.abcandj.com/students.html>, and along with a parent or guardian, please sign and return a copy to indicate your awareness of and willingness to meet the expectations for this class. Please do this by Tuesday September 13th, 2011. Keep this copy for your own reference.

I understand the rules and expectations explained above, and I will follow them. I understand that doing so will help the chances of success for myself and for the class as a whole.

Student

Date

Parent

Date

