

# **World History**

## **Rancho Mirage High School**

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### **Course Description**

Welcome to World History, Culture, and Geography! The content of this course focuses on the major turning points in the shaping of the modern world, from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present. You will be viewing and interpreting periods in world history from various perspectives, including historical, geographic, political, economic, and cultural. Together these perspectives can help you understand how the past has led to the present and to appreciate your role in shaping the future. This course will maintain the objectives set forth by PSUSD, California and the Common Core standards.

### **Text and Materials**

*Textbook - World History: Modern Times*

Materials - In creating independent learners and thinkers... Students are to organize themselves on how they feel they can be most successful. Many assignments will be done via Chromebook in class on Google Classroom (see below). Basic pen/paper and earbuds for self directed video analysis are needed daily!

### **GOOGLE Classroom**

Students will be required to complete classwork on their Google Classroom account. For this purpose, a classroom set of Chromebooks will be available to the students. If it is necessary for students to complete the assignment outside of class and the student does not have internet access at home, availability can be attained in the school library, public library, or by making arrangements with me in the mornings or lunch hours. A link to the Google Classroom is also available on [www.cullyclass.com](http://www.cullyclass.com)!

## **Classroom Expectations**

*Classroom rules:* In **addition** to the school and district policies, students are expected to follow these classroom rules:

- **Respect** one another and your teacher
- Give learning your best effort - 100% of what you have each day!
- Make good choices

Disciplinary actions will include the following in the given order:

- Non-verbal correction
- Verbal correction
- Student/teacher call home
- Detention and counseling (Please note: detentions will be scheduled either before school or at lunch)
- Office Referral

**Attendance:** Students are expected to follow the school attendance policy and be in class on time. Students arriving more than 5 minutes tardy must check in at the office first.

### ***Classwork/Homework***

Students are expected to complete all assignments in a professional manner. It is the responsibility of the student to turn in all assignments on time. Absent work should be completed via Google Classroom or by downloading it from the class website. All work from the current unit of study is due on test day! If a student is absent, it will be his/her responsibility to obtain the necessary materials and assignment information from my website.

## **Grading Policy**

Grading is based on total points. Grades will be posted online and will be updated regularly

- ❖ Unit Exams
  - Tests can be retaken for a score of up to 70%
  - Tests are curved for tests taken on first test day
- ❖ Projects/Research Papers
- ❖ Google Classroom Assignments
- ❖ Homework is due at the beginning of the period or digitally time stamped
- ❖ Socratic Assessments

- ❖ Class Work, Group Work & Homework
- ❖ Comprehensive Final Exam

❖ Grade Percentages

\*\*\* Percentages round up on .5 Ex: 89.4 = B 89.5 = A\*\*\*

A = 90 – 100%

B = 80 – 89%

C = 70 – 79%

D = 60 – 69%

F = 0 – 59%

*Don't expect Extra-Credit... but take advantage of it .. IF it's offered!*

### **Parent Communication**

Parents may stay informed of daily class activities and lessons by accessing my website at [www.cullyclass.com](http://www.cullyclass.com) and I invite you all to sign-up for a Remind account for my class. Directions for sign-up are on [www.cullyclass.com](http://www.cullyclass.com)!

I may periodically send home notes or permission slips with information or other activities that arise during the school year.

In closing, please feel free to contact me immediately should you have any comments or concerns. Email is my preferred method of communication for same-day response. You can access my email at [rcullinan@psusd.us](mailto:rcullinan@psusd.us) or through the contact section of my website [www.cullyclass.com](http://www.cullyclass.com). If you need to speak to me, you may call me at (760) 202-6455. If I am unable to answer the phone, please leave a message with your name, your child's name and a number for me to return the call, along with a brief message on my voicemail. I will return your call as soon as I am able.

In Rattlers We Trust,

R. Cullinan

“Cully”

**WORLD HISTORY**  
**Class Contract**

**CLASSROOM AGREEMENT**

Mr. R. Cullinan

Classroom: 301

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 (Please circle)

By signing this agreement, we acknowledge that we have read the course syllabus and understand the rules and grading policies set forth. We also agree to the issuance of a student google account for academic use and have received a copy of the user policies from the Parent/Student Handbook provided us at the beginning of the year (also accessible through the Rancho Mirage HS school website).

We further acknowledge the receipt of contact information for Mr. R. Cullinan, which can be found in the syllabus on both pages and the school and district websites.

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Student Name (Print)

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Date

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

**Please provide any immediate information or concerns you may have for me at this time:**

