**2024 Syllabus**

**HS World History Honors**  **Mr. Joe Urias**

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**Course Description:**

This course is an in-depth study of World History from 476 A.C.E to the 21st Century. This class will cover various civilizations, people, and dates throughout the world; as well as develop critical thinking skills by analyzing and evaluating the decision-making of past civilizations and observing the relationship between cause and effect in historical events.

**Grading Categories:**

* **Tests = 30%**
* **Classwork = 25%**
* **Projects = 25% (class projects, essays/writing, notebook, etc.)**
* **Quizzes 20%**

**Grading Breakdown:**

* **A = 90 - 100%**
* **B = 80 - 89%**
* **C = 70 - 79%**
* **D = 60 - 69%**
* **F = 0 – 59%**

**Grades:**

The school sends out progress reports every two weeks. However, feel free to check Skyward regularly for up-to-date grades. Note that grade deficiency emails will be sent out if a student has a D or F. These come from Skyward and sometimes are sent to a spam or junk folder. Please check your spam/junk folders regularly for these emails. If the student **does not** submit an assignment, I will input a **ZERO** to reflect an accurate grade. Once the assignment has been submitted, I will replace the zero with the earned grade. Students will be awarded a 5-point deduction per day that work is turned in late, after 5 school days any work not turned in **STAYS** a **ZERO**

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Follow Class Rules and Procedures
* Bring required materials to class daily.
* Be respectful of classmates and the teacher.
* Be on time.
* No Gum
* Clean up after yourself.
* All schoolwide rules apply.

**Make-up Work:**

It is the responsibility of the student to get make-up work. I **will not** seek you out to give you make-up work. Students will get one day to make up work for each day absent. If you **do not** submit an assignment, I will input a **ZERO** to reflect an accurate grade.

**Final Exam:**

Final exams take place at the end of the semester and are worth 30% of the overall grade. It is strongly encouragedto avoid absences during periods of testing, if students are absent during testing and miss any available make-up days, I will input a **ZERO.** There are no exemptions from final exams.

**Dress Code**

All students entering the class will adhere to the school dress code according to the SCPA Student Handbook. Students violating the dress code will have one immediate chance to fix themselves. If they are unable, the Teacher will use the SCPA Discipline Matrix to determine appropriate disciplinary measures.

**Required Classroom Materials:**

These supplies are required everyday

●Loose-leaf college-ruled paper

●Notebook (Get one solely for this class)

●Binder

●Pencils / Pens (black or blue)

●Highlighters

●Dry Erase markers

●USB Flash Drive

**Procedures:**

**Tardies:**

It is the student's responsibility to be on time; Students are considered tardy if they are not in their seats ready to work by the bell.The classroom door will shut on the bell. Tardy students must have their pass if required and all tardies will be logged on Skyward. Under no circumstances will a bathroom break be an excuse to be tardy to class. Students may not tell the teacher they will be in the bathroom during transition, they must finish using the restroom before transition ends.

**Entering the Classroom:**

Enter the classroom and check the main board for instructions, bellwork, announcements, and upcoming due dates. Students will enter the class and be in their assigned seat by the tardy bell or be counted tardy. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. **After Attendance**, the teacher will take any permission forms that need to be signed and answer any questions or comments.

**Turning in Work:**

Students will have an assigned tray for their specific class period to turn in work. There will be some work electronically submitted through an online platform. Work will only be accepted by email on a case-by-case basis. If an assignment is submitted by email without prior approval by the teacher, the work will not be graded.

**Walking Around the Room:**

There will be no walking around the classroom without teacher authorization, if a student needs to move for any reason they are to raise their fist.

**Technology:**

Upon entering the room, students will put their cellphones in the cellphone caddy on the wall next to the entrance, your device needs to be on silent or off by the tardy bell. Any cellphone not in the caddy will be confiscated. The only exception to this rule is when the teacher prescribes cellphones as necessary for the plan of the day, for example Kahoot, Quizlet, etc. if you are caught using your phone for non-academic purposes it will be confiscated. Headphones are not allowed in class at any time and after the first day will be confiscated on sight. If a student refuses to hand over their device for confiscation, then a disciplinary referral will be issued. Chromebooks, Laptops, and tablets for notetaking may only be used If a student’s education plan requires it such as an IEP, or when the parent communicates to the teacher that it is important to the student’s education to have that device in class.

**Eating and Drinking in Class:**

Food and Snacks are not allowed in class; if detected they will be immediately thrown away. The sharing of food/snacks/drinks during instruction is not allowed. Drinks are allowed if they are in spillproof, sealable containers. No glass or cans are allowed under any circumstances. Classes may earn the privilege to bring food and snacks through good behavior and superior academic performance, however this privilege may be revoked at the teacher’s discretion.

**Restroom Breaks:**

To use the restroom, students will raise a fist. After the teacher gives approval, go sign out on the restroom logbook with your name and the time you left, put your name and time on the Restroom Break dry erase board on the wall. When you return to class, write down the time you returned in the logbook. Remember, being in the bathroom for more than 5 minutes will be considered skipping. Please do not interrupt instruction by asking to go to the restroom or office. Per the school policy, you may not leave the classroom during the first 10 minutes or last 10 minutes of class (or last 30 minutes of the school day).

**Dismissal:**

Before class ends, students will clean up their area and straighten or return furniture if it was moved, Students will not be dismissed until their area is checked by the teacher. Students are not to line up at the door before class ends and will not leave the classroom until dismissed by the Teacher. Failure to follow dismissal procedures will result in additional procedures being implemented, for example dismissing by row or alphabetically.

**Academic Dishonesty (Plagiarism & Cheating):**

Plagiarism is defined as “the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own”. Plagiarism can take many forms, but the most common is copying and using a sentence or multiple sentences from a source as one’s own thoughts and ideas from a text, an online website, using artificial intelligence (ie- ChatGPT), or another student. Offenses of plagiarism will result in the assignment receiving a ZERO without the opportunity to redo or make up the assignment, THREE Saturday Detentions, AND the student will be placed on Behavior Probation (students lose the ability to participate in school events and, if applicable, removal from clubs and sports).

Cheating is when a student looks at another student’s work or a teacher’s textbook and uses it to do their own work; receives or provides answers to quiz, test, or other assignment questions; or fabricates information (including lab data) for his/her own personal gain. Cheating is a serious academic offense and, per school policy, will result in the assignment receiving a ZERO without the opportunity to redo or make up the assignment AND THREE Saturday Detentions AND the student will be placed on Behavior Probation (students lose the ability to participate in school events and, if applicable, removal from clubs and sports).

**Communication:**

**urias.joe@somersetcollegeprep.org**

**Email:** Please feel free to reach out to me via email at any time. I will respond within 48 business hours per the school’s policy.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** PTCs are scheduled through the front office and may be initiated at any time by the teacher or parent.

**Classroom Contract**

***Please fill out this portion and return it to your teacher. Keep the other pages for your records.***

By signing this contract, the student and parent(s)/guardians acknowledge the policies and procedures outlined in this syllabus. Should a student be caught violating the rules above and/or engaging in activities that are obviously inappropriate in the classroom, the following will occur

* 1st infraction is a Verbal Warning
* 2nd infraction Formal Warning and Parent Contact
* 3rd infraction Parent Contact and Detention.
* 4th infraction Parent Contact and Detention.
* 5th infraction is a Disciplinary Referral
* If negative behavior is persistent or concerning, I reserve the right to call a Parent/Teacher conference at any time

**Student:** I have read and understand the class policies and procedures on this syllabus and understand that failing to follow them will lead to disciplinary action. I agree to follow these rules and procedures and to do my part in making this class a safe, engaging place to learn and share ideas.

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**Parents:** Please sign showing you have read and understand the class policies and procedures on this syllabus.

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