**World History**

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**Course Description**

In this 10th grade class we will cover world history from the Renaissance to contemporary times. We will work with the new Common Core State Standards by analyzing primary and secondary sources, annotating, and doing a lot of persuasive writing. In addition, there will be one current events assignment each week called the Article of the Week to help students build background knowledge and stay up to date with the world around them.

**Course Goals**

**Upon completion of this course students will understand the…**

- impact of developments made during the Renaissance on the world

- causes and effects of the Reformation

- influence that the Enlightenment has had on the Western World

- ways people respond to restrictive social and political systems

- causes and effects of the Russian Revolution

- impact of nationalism, imperialism and colonial rule

- rise of totalitarian governments

- changes that have occurred as a result of the Industrial Revolution

- causes, course, and effects of World War I and World War II

- causes and consequences of genocidal conflicts

- influence of the Cold War and the breakup of the Soviet Union

**Course Expectations**

- Daily warm up called the “Do Now”

- Participation in class assignments, projects, debates, etc.

- Completion of different projects, both in groups and independently

- Completion of quizzes, tests and final

- Completion of weekly homework called the “Article of the Week”

**Grading Policy**

A 90 – 100%

B 80 – 89%

C 70 – 79%

D 60 – 69%

F 59% and below

**Grading Assessment**

Participation 10%

Do Nows 20%

Tests/Projects 25%

Activities/Assignments 35%

Homework 10%

**Class Website**

For more information about this class, or any of my other classes, visit our class website at kristenq.weebly.com. There you can find my Classroom Rules, our Pacing Guide, any assignments you may have missed, and notes/worksheets that can help you with writing essays. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me through the class website, or by emailing me at kristen@encompassacademy.org.