



Western Civilization

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Welcome to Western Civilization!

Course Objectives

- Think Critically and Objectively
- Formulate Good Questions
- Evaluate Scholarly Material
- Conduct Research
- Communicate Effectively
- Understand How History Is Linked to Our Lives Today

Expectations

1. Be in your seat on time and ready to participate.
2. If you forget something or are not ready to fully participate in the lesson, let me know before class begins; I understand you are all high school freshman and things happen. Otherwise, I will expect everyone to have done the assignment for the day.
3. Be respectful of each other.
4. We end the lesson together. If someone is making a point when time runs out, we will finish the thought and then I will dismiss the class.

Student Responsibilities

1. **Students are solely responsible for making up missed work.**
2. **Homework or other assignments not turned-in due to a missed class are due at the start of the following class. Late work will result in a loss of at least one letter grade per day.**

Homework

Homework will normally require a student to read and take notes from the course text or from supplemental readings. *Taking notes on readings is mandatory and the quality of your work will be graded.* Along with the notes from the readings, students need to take good notes in class. Remember that students are responsible for all material in the readings. We may not cover everything in class, but it is still important and accountable on examinations.

Plagiarism

Ensure all work that is not completely your own is properly MLA documented.

Point Scale (Approximate)

Weekly Quizzes	15%
Class Participation/Projects	10%
Essays	20%
Chapter Tests	40%
Final Examination	15%

Grading Scale:

GRADE	PERCENTAGE
A	100-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F	59-00

Laptop/Notebook Computers in the Classroom

Laptops/Notebooks are not authorized for use in the classroom. The exception to this policy is for those students with a documented need by Mr. Westby and during projects approved by the instructor.

Some Final Thoughts

1. This should be a great year, strive to have fun in class.
2. Be open to new ideas and challenge your perception of the impact of the past on the present.
3. Seek help early if you need it. I really want everyone to do well.
4. Ask lots of questions in class, it is just more fun that way.
5. Be more concerned about learning than you are about your grade.
6. Cross the Rubicon!

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