



Course Syllabus

Course Title: World History AB

School Year: 2024-2025

Semester(s): 1 and 2

Grade Level(s): 9, 10, 11, 12

Course Day(s) and Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 pm -5:00 pm PST

Teacher Information

- **Name:** Constance Otis
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Class Materials - <https://brancheslearning.org/product/world-history/#Materials>

Course Description: Our World History course focuses on the historical, political, cultural, and social development of countries and continents from ancient times to the present. It is designed to expand students' knowledge and appreciation of the world. Throughout the course, students will have ample opportunities to develop the skills and concepts necessary for understanding, appreciating, and analyzing the past, present, and future. They will engage in a diverse range of assignments aimed at fostering these skills.

By the conclusion of the course, students will demonstrate proficiency in utilizing primary sources, various forms of media, and other resources to analyze, compare, and contrast information. They will also be adept at developing historical arguments and cultivating a deeper appreciation for history.

Course Units

Unit 1: Early Empires

Unit 2: Renaissance and Reformation (1300-1650) and the Revolutions (1415-1799)

Unit 3: The Industrial Revolution

Unit 4: The Age of Imperialism

Unit 5: World War I

Unit 6: The Wars Between Wars

Unit 7: World War II



Course Expectations: Be prepared, attend from a quiet place, have your materials ready, have your camera on, be on time, participate, submit work in a timely fashion, treat others with respect, and ask for help when needed.

Grading Scale

High School, Grades 9-12

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

Final grades are determined by the quality and completion of assignments, attendance, and participation.

Important Branches Learning Policy Information

Camera Policy

Branches Learning requires students to keep their cameras on during live classes unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Exceptions can be made in rare circumstances if the course teacher, supervising teacher (HST), and the parent all approve a camera waiver.

Headset Policy

Students attending live classes from a shared space must have a headset with a microphone to ensure the class is not disrupted by background noise.

Attendance Policy

Absences must be reported to the course instructor via email or sent to info@brancheslearning.org.

Class recordings are available upon requests.

Attendance and participation are part of the final grade. Students who miss more than 40% of live classes may fail the course. Exceptions may be made if a pre-approved plan is in place.

Late Work

Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a lower grade unless pre-approved by the instructor.