**World Politics & A Nation Emerges**

**Mr. Champion**

**SY 2015-2016**

**Room: 202**

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**Course Description**

World Politics and A Nation Emerges are both semester long courses with World Politics (1st Semestet) completing the Foundations course and A Nation Emerges (2nd Semester) beginning the US History course. Students will be exposed to the multiple dynamics of history including economics, geography, politics, and religion/philosophy. Students will also study methods of historical inquiry, analysis of primary and secondary historical documents, and develop research and essay writing skills

**Materials**

The Americans

Various journal articles taken from history and professional journals in the field of history

Student-supplied Materials

* One three-ring binder with pockets (at least 2”)
* One package of eight binder page separators
* Three or four packages of 3x5” note cards for making flashcards.
* A valid e-mail address that will remain valid over the course of the school year.
* ***Highlighters***, pencils, black and blue pens, colored pencils or crayons
* *Optional* - Flash drive – at least 1 GB, but preferably 4GB for larger files

The class handouts and the notebook will be ***vital*** to your success. All materials must be brought to class ***every day***. You will need to check my website or Twitter regularly for assignments and updates.

(Website and Twitter page will be up and running by next week.)

**Tests** will be given with a minimum of one-week (5 school days) notice unless there are extenuating circumstances. Tests will account for **50%** of your overall average. Make-up tests may be fill-in the blank or essay format.

**Quizzes** may be announced or unannounced, and will count for **30%** of your overall grade.

**Homework and class work** will be checked randomly and will count for **20%** of your overall grade. Homework must be turned in on the due date or the day you return to school if you are absent. Late homework is not accepted for a grade. However, should there be an extenuating circumstance, see me immediately, and I will evaluate your situation. Even if you do not receive points for the assignment it must still be completed and in the notebook when notebooks are graded.

**The Notebook** – Due to the variety of important materials students will receive, ALL students must keep a notebook in good order and ALL assignments must be completed. ***Notebooks must be brought to class every day*.** I reserve the right to periodically check notebooks as part of your homework/class work grade.

**The grading scale for this class is as follows:**

 **100-93………………A**

 **92-85………………..B**

 **84-77………………..C**

 **70-76………………..D**

 **69-0………………..F**

**Extra Credit** – **DO NOT ASK FOR EXTRA CREDIT BECAUSE THE REQUEST WILL BE DENIED**; however, extra credit questions are occasionally given on tests and quizzes.

**Classroom Conduct and Class Participation**

Students are expected to come to class on time, with all necessary materials, and prepared to work. “On time” means that all students are in their seats and ready to begin the day’s work when the bell rings. Please avoid restroom / guidance / clinic requests. Emergencies will undoubtedly occur. Please keep them to an absolute minimum.

You are responsible for knowing and following all rules of conduct for Windham Coast High School. If a seating chart is used, you are to sit in your assigned seats. At all times you are expected to be polite and courteous to each other, the instructor, all guests, and ***especially to substitute teachers***.

Conduct:

1. Come to class prepared - prepared to pay attention and to participate. **You are responsible for your own learning.** Do not do things that will distract you or others from the learning in the class.
2. Maintain a positive attitude, smile ☺ , and try to be happy.
3. Use your time wisely. **If you are given time to work on assignments, do it!**
4. Be honest in all matters in this class, and in your life. Honesty builds trust, and trustworthiness feels good and is worth its weight in gold.
5. **BE RESPECTFUL AT ALL TIMES!**
6. Do not touch anything that is not yours without asking permission first.
7. Cell phones, iPods, etc… are **NOT** to be out during class time unless permission is granted. If this rule is broken the device will be confiscated and turned in to the dean’s office.
8. Treat this classroom, as well as the entire school, like your home because it is your home for a great part of your day. Pick up after yourself, help put things away, and keep it neat and clean. I expect that you will treat the room and its contents with respect. Many of the items for your use are my personal property.

Participation:

* + - 1. Students are expected to **actively** participate in classroom discussions. Discussions provide time for students to think through their ideas and to learn from the ideas of others.
			2. Be courteous to others during all discussions.

**Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Class Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please sign and return this page acknowledging that you have read and understand the requirements for Foundations of World History. A copy of this course overview will be on my website by next week.

Student signature

Student e-mail address (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent/Guardian e-mail address (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian phone numbers and best times to be reached

Home Address (PRINT)