

Honors Western Civilization Summer Assignment 2023

Welcome to Honors Western Civilization! We are so excited that you decided to commit to this academically challenging class designed for those students who wish to push themselves further than what is offered in a typical college preparatory course. In order to better prepare students for this course, a summer study package has been created to assist those students who wish to get a head start on what will be a busy and challenging year at South Kingstown High School.

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Course: Honors Western Civilization

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Textbook: *World History: Connections to Today*, Prentice Hall, 2001

Summer Assignments Due Date: September 5, 2023.

One of the expectations of this course is that you complete a mandatory summer assignment. The summer assignment and all accompanying documents can be found on the SKHS website and directly at <https://skhssocialstudiessummerassignments.weebly.com/>

Recommended Materials to assist in education and course: Laptop and access to a printer. Three-ring binder, and college-ruled notebook(s). Pencils, pens, and highlighters.

Summer Assignments:

Assignment#1: Summer Essay

You will need to complete the attached DBQ (Document Based Question) essay. Support your opinion with evidence and use examples to back up your conclusions. Please make sure that when you take information from these readings for your paper you are indicating where it comes from. (I.E. Document 1 or Dwellings document) Essays must be typed, double spaced, 10 to 12 point font and include an MLA heading. **(Please bring a hard copy of your essay with you to the first day of class)**

Assignment #2 Chapter 1: Toward Civilization Notetaking (all 3 sections)

You are expected to read and take handwritten and detail-oriented notes on the first chapter of your book, *World History: Connections to Today* (Toward Civilization). We have a lot of material to cover in a short amount of time, so this will allow us to hit the ground running. My suggestion is that you have a separate college-ruled notebook in which you will keep all of your chapter outlines. Your notes will be checked on the first day of school.

Assignment #3 Map of Europe & the Mediterranean

You are expected to label and study the locations which are on this map assignment. The map is due on the first day of class. The map quiz will be on **the second day of class**.

Please feel free to contact us via email over the summer prior to the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. This Summer Assignment will provide an excellent foundation for those students enrolled for the 2023-24 school year. Thank you for your interest in this course and **we hope you have a great summer and we will see you on September 5th!!** 😊

Best,
Mrs. Fogarty & Mrs. Richards

Course Description:

This course will cover the events and personalities that shaped the history of Europe from the ancient to early modern times. Through an examination of the development of nation-states, evolutionary and revolutionary movements, and global conflict, students will understand the relevance of the past to the present. Students in this course will be responsible for primary and secondary source reading materials and in-depth analysis of historical events. Additionally, the focus will be on extensive writing, research and critical presentation. The successful completion of a performance-based common task will be required of all students.

Topics:

September: Early Civilizations & Ancient Greece
October/November: Greece & Roman Empire
December/January-midterm exam: Dark Ages & Middle Ages
February: Renaissance & Rise of Monarchies
March: Reformation
April: Age of Discovery
May: Absolutism & Enlightenment
June: wrap up and finals

Grades:

Major Assessments are weighted as 60%, minor assessments are weighted as 30% and Homework is weighted as 10% of the quarterly grade.
Quizzes are given approximately each week and tests approximately every other week
Stimulus Based Multiple Choice Questions
Document Based Question Essays (DBQs)
Long Essay Questions (LEQ)
Short Answer Questions (SAQ)
Oral Presentations
Projects
Midterm and Final Exam (including a CCA)

Class Expectations: Each student will need a notebook for reading and class work notes. All notes must be **handwritten**. Students are expected to bring his/her notebook to class each day. Students should also have a 3-ring binder for class handouts. Students should expect a **substantial** amount of work throughout the year. Also, students are expected to complete all assignments on time. A late assignment will lose 10% of the grade for each day it is late. Make-up work must be completed within five days of a student's excused absence.