

## IH Humanities II Syllabus – IB World School at Plano East

This course combines AP World History and Honors English II with learning in the humanities – art, architecture, and music as well as current events. It is a truly syncretic course where all of this learning is done concurrently in each unit.

We have specifically designed this course to deepen our understanding of the world. The focus here is the development of regional societies and then the contacts and interactions between these societies throughout the world. As we study regions across time, we will review the art, architecture, music, and literature that emerged through their cultures.

### Unit Titles

Creating Civilizations (3500 B.C.E-600 C.E.)  
Seeds of Globalization (600 C.E.-1450 C.E.)  
Balance of Power (1450 C.E.-1750 C.E.)  
Revolution (1750 C.E.-1914 C.E.)  
A World without Borders (1900 C.E.-Present)

Within these units, students will analyze documents, patterns, and concepts between historical periods, and compare different cultures in a global context.

### Books

All books needed for this course are provided by us.

There will be a world history textbook, *Ways of the World, A Global History with Sources*, by Robert Strayer and Eric Nelson. The textbook also has a companion website with summaries and practice quizzes that can help you.

### Other books we will read in whole or as excerpts

*The Epic of Gilgamesh*  
*Antigone* by Sophocles  
*Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse  
*The Prince* by Macchiavelli  
*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

*Art of War* Sun tzu  
Poetry and short stories  
Non-fiction selections

### Grading

Assignments will consist of both daily (40%) and major (60%) grades. Each nine weeks will include 2-4 major grades and 8-12 daily grades. Since this is a double-blocked class, both your AP World History and Honors English II grades will be the same each grading period. These grades will include extensive outside reading, quizzes and reading checks, graded discussions, in-class and at home writing, both individual and group projects, and unit tests made up of multiple choice and short answer questions as well as essays. All late work will receive a 15 point deduction and will not be accepted more than three school days past the due date.

## Makeup Work

If you are absent, it is our expectation that you make up work within three days of your return. However, if you are absent on the day an assignment is due, you are expected to turn it in immediately upon your return to class. The course moves at a quick pace; procrastination will overwhelm you quickly. Monitor the calendar and plan ahead when necessary. Please come see us if you are struggling so we can come up with a plan together.

In the 10th grade, you will take the PSAT and the English II EOC– all during the school day. At the end of the school year you will be eligible to take the AP World History Modern exam. We will provide more information in the spring.

## Academic Support

This course will move quickly, and you are expected to keep up with the requirements outlined in this document and the calendar provided at the beginning of each nine weeks. The best advice is to plan out your week ahead of time, break up difficult and unwieldy assignments into manageable tasks, and not to procrastinate. However, if you are feeling overwhelmed with the workload, or you are feeling lost in general, ask for help ***before the due date. This does not mean deadline extensions will be guaranteed***, but we are here to help you be successful. And if we can't help you, we will find someone who will.

## Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the IB is a principle informed by the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. In teaching, learning, and assessment, academic honesty serves to promote personal integrity and engender respect for others and the integrity of their work. Upholding academic honesty also helps to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they acquire during their studies. In all of their studies for the Diploma Programme, students must demonstrate academic honesty and avoid any form of academic misconduct. (For more on this topic, see IB World School Academic Honesty Policy)

## Supplies and General Guidelines

You will need the following supplies by the end of the first week of school:

- One 3 subject spiral notebook
- Chromebook or Laptop
- Tissues

## Please contact us with any questions.

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