



# Modern Civilizations

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Room 508

## Valencia High School Vision

*"We are committed to forming a community of career and college ready lifelong learners who are: self-directed, critical and creative thinkers, technological innovators, effective communicators, responsible citizens, and healthy individuals."*

## Valencia High School Mission

*"We prepare students to meet the challenges of the future and to become responsible citizens through relevant learning opportunities, community involvement, innovative technology, and teamwork. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to succeed."*

## Course Introduction

Welcome to Modern Civilizations! This is a year long, college-prep course that offers an in-depth study of the chronological flow of events, dynamic changes, and critical links between the past and the present of selected civilizations from the western and non-western world. Please share and review this course syllabus with your family. If you do not understand, or have a question about any part of this syllabus, please see me for clarification.

## Units of Study:

- Geography and Culture
- Sources of Democratic Tradition
- The Enlightenment
- American Revolution
- Revolutions in Europe and Latin America
- Industrial Revolution
- Nationalism and Imperialism
- Growth of Western Democracies
- WWI
- Russian Revolution
- Rise of Totalitarianism
- WWII
- The Cold War
- New Nations
- Regional Conflicts
- The World Today

## Course Expectations

My classroom is expected to be a respectful and safe environment for everyone. In order to ensure this, students will be expected to:

- Always be respectful of adults and their peers.
- Be seated and ready to work when the bell rings.
- Bring required materials to class everyday.
- Keep cell phones and other electronics off and out of sight.
- Follow directions and not distract the learning of others.

*\*Any infractions of class rules will result in appropriate actions taken by the teacher.*

## Textbook & Supplies

- Pens (multiple colors)
- Pencils
- Highlighter
- College-ruled paper
- Colored pencils and/or markers
- Scissors
- Course textbook

### Google Classroom Codes

Period 4: 0947tgy

Period 5: u2mpmtf

*\*\*All lost or damaged books will be paid for by the student.*

## Movies

Movies will be used periodically as a supplement to the other information provided in class. The following movies, or similar movies, may be shown in their entirety or partially: *Schindler's List*, *Gandhi*, and *Saving Private Ryan*. If you do not approve of your son or daughter viewing these movies, please make a note on the signature portion of this course outline, and an alternative assignment will be given.

## Homework & Make-up Work

Homework will be assigned regularly, and will be turned in at the beginning of the period. Late work will only be accepted for full credit if the student has an excused absence on the date the assignment was given or due. Otherwise, students have until the end of the chapter to turn in assignments for half credit. After that, **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to ask if an assignment was given on the day of their absence. **It is not the instructor's responsibility to remind students of missing work. A student will only receive credit for make-up work if their absence is excused.** In the case of an absence, all missed assignments must be turned in the following day labeled "absent".

## Grades

Your course grade will be computed on a total point basis. This will include classwork, homework, projects, participation, quizzes, and tests.

The following scale will be used to determine grades:

A= 90-100%

B= 80-89%

C= 70-79%

D= 60-69%

F= 59% or below

## Academic Honesty

**Cheating on any assignment will not be tolerated.** Cheating includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, copying from another student's paper (including homework), allowing someone to copy your paper, or any source of communication during a test. If a student is caught cheating, an automatic zero will be given on that assignment and the appropriate district guidelines, regarding disciplinary action, will be followed.

## Attendance Policy

Students' attendance in class is directly related to their success in this course. School absence and tardy policies will be followed and enforced.

## Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me at any time. The best way is by e-mail ([mbrown@hartdistrict.org](mailto:mbrown@hartdistrict.org)), which makes communication about your child easier and faster. I can also be reached by phone as well (661) 294-1188 ext. 508.

Please sign and return to Mrs. Brown by ***Friday, August 11th***

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and instructions outlined in Mrs. Brown's 2017-2018 syllabus.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

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Student Name (Please Print)

Please include any other information you would like me to know:

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