



World History A (Africa & Middle East) Course Syllabus



THE COURSE

This class is a combination of world history and geography of Africa and the Middle East. Students will look at these regions as both historians and geographers. They will learn about the regions today and how the land and history has affected the present.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mr. Bauman has found e-mail to be the preferred method of contact when you have a question. He can then collect all necessary information and answer your question in detail. If you need to leave a voicemail please leave a specific message so Mr. Bauman can be prepared when returning your call.

CLASSROOM WEBSITE

Mr. Bauman's website is designed to help parents and students alike. Included is class and school information, class calendar, helpful links for students as well as downloadable and printable assignments, handouts and other classroom materials. While the use of the website is not mandatory in any way, it is hoped it provides useful information and resources to make students successful and parents informed.

The site can be located on the web at:
www.baumansworld.com

INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY

Mr. Bauman is generally available Monday, Wednesday and Friday 40 minutes before and after school and Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. On occasion he will have meetings, extra curricular duties and/or other school responsibilities. It is recommended that you check with him to make sure he is available.

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TOPICS COVERED

I. Introduction

- Five Themes of Geography (text)
- Basic maps (TODALS): Title, Orientation, Direction, Author, Legend, Scale
- Chart/Graph interpretation
- Strategies Section (S-1 to S-33)
- Reference Section (R1-38)

II. Origins of Humanity

- Chapter 1

III. Mesopotamia and Egypt

- Chapter 2, Sections 1 & 2

IV. Phoenicians & Early Israelites

- Chapter 3, Sections 3 & 4

V. Early Empires (Egypt, Nubian, Assyrian, Persia)

- Chapter 4 Sections 1, 2 & 3

VI. African Civilizations

- Chapter 8

VII. Rise/Expansion of Islam (600-1700)

- Chapter 10, 18

VIII. African Society & Empires (800-1500 AD)

- Chapter 15

IX. Age of Imperialism (1850-1914)

- New Nations 1945-present
- Democracy in Africa
- Chapter 27, Sections 1 & 2
- Chapter 34, Sections 3 & 4
- Chapter 35, Section 2

X. Africa/ ME Today

- Chapter 36



CURRENT EVENTS

Students will be expected to keep up with the events of the world and be able to apply course context to these topics.

HOW IT WORKS

Statistics show that the vast majority of you will go to college. Statistics also show that 50% of you will not be prepared. In this class you will be challenged so you will know whether you are ready. My tests/quizzes are difficult but fair. Come prepared for class as I will call on students randomly, not just those who raise their hand. If you do poorly, you now know what you need to work on and I am here to help. Below are classroom guidelines and tips for success. You are expected to follow all OSH rules as well as

Bauman's Commandments*:

1. Thou shall be to class on time.
2. Thou shall bring all materials to class.
3. Thou shall keep this room clean.
4. Thou shall not covet thy teacher's stuff.
5. Thou shall return all objects borrowed to their proper place.
6. Thou shall refrain from writing on desks.
7. Thou shall participate fully in class. Take notes, listen, discuss...
8. Thou shall not eat in class or drink any beverage than water.
9. Thou shall keep thy lips zipped when Bauman is speaking.
10. Thou shall not use Bauman's or anyone else's name in vain. Show respect!

GRADES

Grades are not weighted. It is a total points system. Here is the scale.

92 – 100% = A	72 – 77.9% = C
90 – 91.9% = A-	70 – 71.9% = C-
88 – 89.9% = B+	68 – 69.9% = D+
82 – 87.9% = B	62 – 67.9% = D
80 – 81.9% = B-	60 – 61.9% = D-
78 – 79.9% = C+	Below 60% = F

This is a required class. Failure means taking class over. There will be times when you are graded based on participation in an activity and/or viewing a video. You are expected to make up these points. See details on right side of this document.

ASSIGNMENT DEADLINES & LATE WORK

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the given due date. Late assignments will be **deducted 50%** then graded. **Missing work/quizzes must be made up by the unit test.**

DAILY MATERIALS

- Pencil and black pen.
- 3-Ring binder for this class only.
- Loose-leaf paper for assignments/notes.

ABSENCES & MAKE-UP PROCEDURES

It is ***YOUR RESPONSIBILITY*** to get missed notes & assignments.

1. Check the weekly calendar on the wall or Mr. B's website when you return to see what you missed.
2. Pick up all assignments & handouts from homework rack or download them from my website.
3. Turn in all late/absent work to the hourly bins before the unit test. Fill in **Absentee Report** form and attach to task. Turn in to correct hourly bin!
4. All tests/quizzes must be made up before/after school or during a study hall/advisory. Failure to do so will result in a score of zero. **You have one week to make it up!**
5. **TO MAKE UP PARTICIPATION POINTS:** You may have missed a video or other activity. Get the reading/questions to cover the material missed. **Due within a week!**
6. **Extra Credit** – All assignments must be turned in to earn any extra credit!

TARDIES

As per school policy, you must get a pass at the check-in desk to be admitted.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & HONESTY

Do not plagiarize (use words written by others) and do not take part in the copying of assignments or tests. This means copying or allowing someone to copy from you. Also, copying and pasting from the Internet. The **consequences** is **zero** credit for the work. OSH and I take this very seriously.

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES & TIPS

- All school rules and attendance policies apply.
- Keep all assignments in case of a grading error.
- **SLANT:** *Sit up, listen, ask questions, nod, track the speaker with your eyes.*
- If you listen well and pay attention you will be more successful and also have to study less.
- If you have a question, ask! I have many amazing powers, but ESP is not one of them.
- **Super Hero Super Power Points Pass (SHSPPP)** You will be given only one for the trimester. You are encouraged to go to the bathroom between classes but may use the pass when okayed by the teacher. See pass for details for redemption policies.