



WORLD HISTORY COURSE SYLLABUS



World History is a one trimester required course. It is fascinating but difficult as so much of the information will be completely new to you. You will be successful if you listen well in class, take good notes, and keep up with your reading. If you are struggling, let me know, I am here to help.

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

Bauman's World website is designed to inform you of all work/assignments as well as a portal to useful information on World History. You will find all assignments as well as study guides available for download. There are many useful internet links including one for the textbook online. There is also a class calendar with due dates and information on what went on in class each day. The site can be located on the web at: www.baumansworld.com

TOPICS COVERED

- **Beginning of Human Society:** Pre 1000 B.C.
- **Ancient Civilizations:** 5000 B.C. – 1000 B.C.
 - o Mesopotamia
 - o Egypt
- **Classical Civilizations & World Religions:**
 - o Greeks
 - o Romans
 - o Emergence of Judaism/Christianity
- **Byzantium:**
 - o Emergence of Byzantium
 - o Split of Eastern & Western Christianity

TOPICS COVERED Cont.

- **Mesoamerican Cultures:** 500 – 1500
 - o Aztec, Inca & Mayan
 - o Exchange in Mesoamerica
- **Medieval Europe/Ottoman Empire:** 400–1500
 - o Feudalism
 - o Rise & spread of Christianity
 - o Rise of European nation states
 - o The Black Death
 - o Ottoman Empire & conflict with Europe
- **Europe and the Global Age:** 1450-1800
 - o Economic & Political interactions
 - o Renaissance & Reformation
- **Age of Empires and Revolution:** 1640-1920
 - o Trade & Imperialism
 - o Change in 17th & 18th centuries
 - o Change in 19th century

* If time allows

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.

VOCABULARY

We will have a “Word of the Day” to boost vocabulary and help with reading and ACT/SAT scores. You will be expected to use these words on assignments and tests. Often for extra credit!

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.

“If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development.”

Aristotle

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. You will earn 5 daily participation points. Classroom citizens failing to follow the Commandments and/or school policy will lose 5 points. A second infraction in a period will take away the previous days points etc.

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 in the binder.

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 the homework rack or when available download/print them at home or the media center.
3. Turn in all late/absent work to the hourly bins before the unit test. Write **Absent** on top if it applies. All work will always be turned in to the hourly bins!
4. All tests/quizzes must be made up before/after school or during a study hall. 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:** Find an article or reading about the topic discussed in class that day and write a 5-6 sentence summary. It can be out of a magazine, book or from the internet. **You have one week to make it up!**

TARDIES

As per school policy, you must get a pass at the check-in desk to be admitted. You also lose ½ daily participation points.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & HONESTY

Here is that word integrity again. It applies to academics as well as behavior. 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. 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.