



Tohoku International School

Secondary School Course Syllabus

Course Title: World History: Early Europe	Teacher: Mr. C. Vassbotn Email: cvassbotn@tisweb.net								
Grade Level(s): Grade 9-10	Time Frame: 37 weeks								
Course Description:									
<p>This course deals with the history of Europe starting with the Medieval period and ending with the French and Industrial Revolutions. Topics will include the Medieval and Renaissance history, the Reformation, exploration and conquest, the Enlightenment, as well as the French and Industrial revolutions. Upon completion of this course, students will be familiar with the political, social, and economic history during this period. Furthermore, the development of critical thinking skills as well as the ability to form and support opinions will be stressed in the realm and skill set of expository writing.</p>									
Course Philosophy:									
<p>History is all about bringing the past back to life--retrieving what students can from times and places they may not actually get to themselves. History gives us the best front row seat for finding out about the past—where we come from and where we are going. The students will use Early Europe as a template of study; from Medieval times to the turn of the 19th Century. They will build on their prior learning and improve what is called '<i>historical thinking</i>'---analyzing change over time and comparing different perspectives are two examples. Students will analyze historical sources with a critical eye while drawing connections between cause and effect. History will teach us <i>all</i>--not just students, but teachers as well--not only <i>what</i> to think about the past, but <i>how</i> to think about the past.</p>									
Units of Study:									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medieval & Renaissance Europe The Reformation Exploration and Conquest The Enlightenment The French Revolution and Napoleon The Industrial Revolution 									
Assessments									
<p>Course Weightings:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Learning Skills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Course Work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Projects & Presentations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tests & Semester Exams</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35%</td> </tr> </table>		Learning Skills	10%	Course Work	30%	Projects & Presentations	25%	Tests & Semester Exams	35%
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<p>Textbook <u><i>World History: Patterns and Interactions</i></u> Primary and secondary sources Audio visual aids Educational videos & Youtube Google Classroom</p>									