

WELCOME TO OUR JOURNEY INTO GLOBAL HISTORY I



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Global History I

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Extra help: Wednesday afternoons (Room 224)

Overview:

This course is designed as an introduction to Global History & Geography. We will begin our year discussing early civilizations and conclude with the First Global Age. You will learn a great deal about people, culture, geography, and governments of the world. We begin with the study of humans, as they first appeared nomadic and non-civilized, and track their development as they organize and develop complex civilizations. You will be asked to evaluate the successes and failures of these civilizations by studying their accomplishments, activities, organization, and interaction with other people. To reach these goals you will be learning through a variety of class activities that include several projects throughout the year based on the material in class. There will also be a midterm and a final at the end of the year encompassing all the units covered in ninth grade.

Topic List for Global History and Geography I:

- Map Studies
- Social Sciences
- Culture
- Early Civilizations in Africa and Asia
- Early Contributions by Greece, Rome, India, and China
- Civilizations of Middle and South America
- Belief Systems
- Byzantine Empire
- Trading Kingdoms of Africa
- Islamic Civilization
- Japan's Feudal Age
- Medieval Europe
- Renaissance Europe
- Reformation
- Scientific Revolution

Classroom Policies and Procedures

ATTENDANCE:

- Be on time! You must be **in your seat and ready to work** when the bell rings.
- Be prepared! Bring all required material to class everyday. Failure to have the required material will result in a grade of zero for class participation.
- You **MAY NOT** go to your locker after the bell rings.

MATERIALS:

- You will need a 3-ring binder with 4 notebook dividers: class work, homework, vocabulary, tests/quizzes. **No other subject should be in your Global I Binder.**
- You are expected to bring a **pen, pencil, and highlighter** to class everyday.
- Two (2) packs of 3x5 index cards for vocabulary words.

HOMEWORK:

- Homework will be assigned as needed. The assignment may be used to review material learned that day or to introduce concepts for the next class. So it is important that to complete all homework assignments on time. All work must be neat and reflective of your own efforts.
- **ASSIGNMENTS MUST EITHER BE TYPED OR BE HANDWRITTEN ON LOOSELEAF IN NEAT AND LEGIBLE HANDWRITING OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- All assignments are due on the assigned date. There will be a loss of **two** points on your homework average for each late day. After **TWO** days, the assignment will not be accepted and a grade of “0” will be given. (Please be responsible. If you find yourself in a bind or you are confused, see me before your assignment is due.) There are no exceptions!!

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

- Class participation is **VITAL** in a social studies class. The more you participate and become involved in classroom discussions, the better your understanding of the material will be. This is a great way to boost your classroom grade. I will make sure that the classroom is an open environment that encourages every student to express their views and ideas, so feel free to speak up and be heard!!
- **Cell phones** should be turned off and be put away during class. Each time you are found using your cell phone **two** points will be deducted from your class participation average.

TESTS AND QUIZZES:

- There will be at least two (2) tests per marking period as well as many quizzes. Tests will be modeled after the Regents exam. However, there may be times in which class projects will be graded as tests.
- **Quizzes will be given often so always be prepared.** Quizzes may be in the form of multiple-choice, vocabulary or a notebook check. Quizzes are given to monitor your understanding of the material we are learning.

GRADING PROCEDURE:

Grades for each marking period will be broken down as such:

- Tests = 50%
- Quizzes = 25%
- Homework Grade = 12.5%
- Participation Grade = 12.5%

WARNINGS:

- **ABSENCES** are not an excuse for missed work. You are responsible to call a classmate or email me to find out what work you missed. Immediately upon return, assignments are to be completed and tests are to be made-up. All work missed and not made-up will be given a zero.
- **BEHAVIOR** is expected to be **mature and respectful** to all members of the class. If your behavior interferes with the learning of others, you will be asked to remove yourself. This will result in a zero for class.
- **CUTTING** will not be tolerated. A cut will result in a zero as a grade and absolutely no work will be allowed to be made-up.
- **CHEATING and PLAGIARISM** will be dealt with in accordance with district policy and procedure.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me or see me before/after/during the school day. I can usually be found in Room 224. I truly look forward to working with each and every one of you to make this an educational, enlightening and fun academic year! Best of luck in this and all of your classes.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Carey

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via e-mail (mcarey@commack.k12.ny.us) as I regularly check my e-mail during the day. I look forward to meeting you at open house and working together this year to help your child succeed in all they undertake.

Respectfully,
Maria F. Carey

Please sign the following page and return it to class. Thank you.

I have read, understand and will comply with the expectations for Global History & Geography I. this year and I have shared them with my parents.

Student name: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

**“YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE PAST TO UNDERSTAND THE
PRESENT”**

DR. CARL SAGAN