

GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

COURSE: AP European
HISTORY

The objective of this course is to provide students with a strong interest and demonstrated ability in social studies, an opportunity to study European history (Renaissance-Present) at a freshman college level. The course material covers three broad themes: politics and diplomacy, ideas and culture, and socio-economic systems and conditions.

To meet this objective, the course is designed to provide the students with experiences in:

- analyzing and interpreting both primary and secondary sources
- note-taking from printed materials, lectures and discussions
- essay-writing in order to develop a facility for clear and precise expression
- developing and defending a thesis
- writing analytical and research papers

Requirements

- students will read at least one additional book for a book review
- students will be involved in class debates, discussions and reports
- writing assignments of several pages are given to be completed at home on the average of every other week.
- Students will have to do a research paper with proper citations which exhibits the skills of analysis and synthesis of ideas.

Texts

The Western Heritage, Kagan

Western Civilization, Sources, Images, and Interpretations, Sherman

Testing

1. There will be at least two (2) major tests each quarter.
2. Quizzes will be given frequently both announced and unannounced.

Grading

A student's grade in this course will be based on several factors:

- participation in class
- homework
- long-term assignments
- performance on tests and quizzes

Attendance and Make-Up Work

As part of your grade rests on classroom involvement, it is important that you make an honest effort to be in class, on time, every day, for times that it becomes necessary to be out of class, or tardy to class, please follow the following school

rules:

1. Should you have a pre-arranged absence, it is your responsibility to consult with your teacher before you are absent from class.
2. All make-up work should be completed within one calendar week.
3. Since you are responsible for being prepared for class each day, it is strongly advised that you get the phone number of someone in your class in order to inquire about work missed during your absence. If a quiz occurs on the day that you return, you are responsible for taking it.

Attendance Philosophy

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. Cutting is not permitted. If you intentionally absent yourself from a class without a legitimate reason you will not be entitled to make up any assignments or exams missed during that period. Intentional absences are a clear message that you are not interested in doing your best. excessive illegal absences or any cutting will result in parental notification and will have a negative impact on how your class participation will be factored into your quarter and final grades.

Policy On Tardiness

It is very important that you make every effort to be in class on time every day. Not only will you miss part of the class if you are late, but you will disturb others as you enter.

Rules For Tardiness

1. It is your responsibility to bring a pass if you are tardy to class.
2. Your teacher will determine procedures for unexcused tardies.
3. The student is reminded that participation and effort are considered a vital part of the final grade. Chronic tardiness to class will be dealt with according to school policy

Extra-Help

The regular help day is _____. When necessary, other arrangements will be made.

Plagiarism Statement

Plagiarism is defined as presenting the thoughts, writings, and ideas of other people as your own.

Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due. Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations, or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgment of sources.

