World History
Room 104
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Course Description
World History/Geography is the first course in the Social Studies Program. This course is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge to understand the major concepts, characteristics, events and people of modern history (1500 - present). The course will include an overview of Western Civilization. Economic and political developments, geographic concepts, belief systems and cultural contributions are integrated into the curriculum.

Objective
Students completing this course should be able to sequence, make inferences, and critically examine modern political and social events with greater clarity, having a foundational understanding of the historical factors now influencing modern American society.

Attendance
Students are expected to attend class regularly. Exposure to the opinions of others is a byproduct of group discussion, and is an essential part of applying course content in the modern world. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the topics, vocabulary terms, articles and readings presented during their absence.

Tutoring
Tutoring is available every Tuesday and Friday from 11:50 am to 12:20 pm in Room #104. Any student may attend. Students with a grade of 75% or lower will be required to attend. Failure to attend assigned tutoring will result in an office referral.

Bags & Devices
Contributing to the classroom discussion is an imperative part of the learning process. Unfortunately, it is impossible to focus on the contributions of others when preoccupied with the plethora of temptations available elsewhere. In accordance with school policy (as stated in the student handbook), bags, purses, backpacks, headphones, earbuds, and similar items are not permitted in the classroom. All you need is a pen or pencil.

Restroom Use
I am not the bathroom police, and I do not intend to count your trips to the bathroom. However, I will NEVER leave class during class time - hence, I do not go to the bathroom during class time. If I can wait until break or lunch, I expect you to do the same. Emergencies happen, but there is no excuse for leaving every day. Only 1 person may be out at any time. Hall pass is required. If I see that you are leaving too often, we will discuss it individually.

Online Resources - www.pitzersclass.com
Weekly lesson plans and access to Schoology are available on my website. As World History and Civics are new courses for me, many other resources (like course readings, etc.) are not yet posted. I will update the site regularly through the semester.

This syllabus, and all assignments, policies, and procedures herein, is tentative. I reserve the right to make changes as I deem necessary for successful instruction.