

10TH GRADE HONORS WORLD HISTORY OPTION

Mrs. Bylo
2004-2005

What: Honors World History is an opportunity for students who would like to delve deeper into world history topics, enjoy learning for the sake of learning and will choose to consistently work hard. If you are hoping for trivia and memorization projects, this opportunity may not be right for you. However, if you are looking for thoughtful academic discussion that will foreshadow college history classes and will encourage questioning and deeper evaluation of major issues, you may be very interested in this. We will be exploring various aspects and perspectives of world history through the use of book circle discussions.

Grading: To stay in this program, you must maintain a B at all times, although an A is expected. You should be aware that the honors designation in this class will not add to your grade point average, and while it will look good on your transcript, it requires a sizeable amount of work outside of class.

When: Meetings will be held once a week outside of class time for 30-45 minutes. The students and teacher will decide meeting time and day upon each semester together. The program will begin meeting in early October, after the first major unit grades are posted.

Assignments: You will be required to read one-fifth of a particular book each week, as the honors option will read three books each semester. Along with each reading, you will be required to complete a small unique assignment based on the reading and come prepared to discuss it. On the sixth week, you and your group will present five to ten minutes on the historical connections between your book and what is being studied in class.

Being prepared every week is essential. You may not miss meetings or come unprepared. Assignments will be turned in to the instructor the morning of the meeting, to ensure they are not being scratched out during other classes. Thoughtfulness and effort is vital to learning.

Readings: Readings will include both historical fiction and historical non-fiction. Depending on the size of the class, students may have a choice in their book.

Books: Books can be obtained through the local library, or purchased at Barnes & Noble, Borders, Half-Price Books and other stores.

Absences: One absence during a semester is allowed, only if it is okayed in advance through parent contact.

Sports: If you have after school sports, it can generally be worked out with your coach that you be fifteen minutes late to practice once a week.

I agree to follow the guidelines as laid out in both the class syllabus and this information sheet. I would like to be part of the honors world history pull-out in Mrs. Bylo's class, and agree to attend all meetings. I understand that if I fail to participate, come unprepared, or let my grade slip in the regular class, I will no longer be able to be part of this program. Additionally, any behavior problems may be cause for dismissal from the program.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Parent Name (printed)

Student Name (printed)

Home Phone Number

Student E-Mail Address