

Ancient World History

Overview

Throughout Grade Nine, students will review crucial turning points in Ancient World History. Beginning with the Rise of man, their studies will examine key figures & events that have led to modern day culture/society. The aim of this course is to obtain a strong level of understanding of the development of mankind & the factors that have led to the rise & fall of great nations/Empires.

Students will identify the factors that generate change or continuity in world affairs & begin to see how the study of the past can assist in preventing the darker periods of History being repeated.

Assessment

To chart progression & gauge understanding, each area/theme studied will be assessed in a variety of manners. Students will undertake formal written exams, essays, presentations, group work & investigations. The main emphasis will be centered around interpretation & analysis, which involves using acquired knowledge to make sound judgement of a variety of source material (evidence) that focuses on a specific event or area in History.

Expectations

- Students must ensure that all deadlines are met & independent reading is maintained to maximize their own understanding of a given topic.
- Punctuality is crucial in all sessions to avoid the loss of class time that can impact on the learning of themselves & others.
- Students should raise any issues or concerns with work so that I may allocate additional opportunities to review & discuss the problem.

Topics/themes

The Rise of Man

Emerging Civilisations - (*Focus on Egypt*)

Ancient Rome - (*how has Roman culture impacted on the world in which we live?*)

Ancient Greece - (*focus on Alexander the Great*)

India - (*Empire & Religion*)

History, Fact or fiction - (*examines myths & legends, such as Troy & King Arthur*)

The Byzantine Empire – (*rise & fall*)

The Middle Ages - (*focus on the Crusades, the Church & the Black Death*)

Japan- (*a changing nation*)

Crime & punishment – (*Change & continuity throughout the ancient world*)

The Americas – (*focus on the Aztecs*)