

Modern World History

Overview

Throughout Grade Ten, students will review crucial turning points in Modern World History. Beginning with the Renaissance, their studies will examine key figures & events that have shaped modern day culture & politics.

The aim of this course is to obtain a strong level of understanding of the nature of modern day life & the factors that have led us to the world in which we live.

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 Renaissance & the Reformation** (*Examines the key factors that led to the renaissance and developments in science and medicine*)
 - **The Age of Exploration** (*Impact on the Caribbean*)
 - **The Slave Trade** (*Rise & fall of slavery*)
 - **French revolution**
 - **The Great War** (*Including aftermath, focus on Versailles, Russia & Ireland*)
 - **Second World War & the Holocaust** (*Including focus on Fascism & propaganda*)
- **Civil Rights** (*Focus on Northern Ireland, from partition to the deployment of British troops in 1969*)
 - **Revolution in the 20th century** (*Focus on Cuba*)
 - **The Vietnam War** (*Including focus on protest*)