



**VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL VISION**

“We are committed to forming a community of career and college ready lifelong learners who are: self-directed, critical and creative thinkers, technological innovators, effective communicators, responsible citizens, and healthy individuals.”

**VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION**

“We prepare students to meet the challenges of the future and to become responsible citizens through relevant learning opportunities, community involvement, innovative technology, and teamwork. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to succeed.”

**COURSE INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to Modern Civilizations! This is a yearlong, college-prep course that offers an in-depth study of the chronological flow of events, dynamic changes, and critical links between the past and the present of selected civilizations from the western and non-western world. My goal is to empower, inspire, and support you to foster an open, safe, and comfortable learning community that will create a positive atmosphere for knowledge to be both shared and questioned.

**UNITS OF STUDY**

- The World in 1750
- 1750-1917: Revolutions Reshape the World
- Industrial Revolution
- The Rise of Imperialism & Colonialism
- Causes & Course of World War I
- Effects of World War I
- Rise of Totalitarian Governments after World War I
- Causes & Consequences of World War II
- International Developments in the Post-World War II World
- Nation-Building in the Contemporary World
- Economic Integration & Contemporary Revolutions in Information, Technology, and Communications

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

My classroom is expected to be a respectful and safe environment for everyone. In order to ensure this, students will be expected to:

1. Always be respectful to others and their property.
2. Be seated and ready to work BEFORE the final bell rings.
3. Use behavior appropriate to a secondary classroom.
4. Actively participate in class activities.
5. Follow ALL school rules.

*\*Any infractions of class rules will result in appropriate actions taken by the teacher.*

**RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES**

- Binder/folder with a section for Mod Civ
- Highlighters
- Blue and/or black pens
- Red pens
- Pencils
- College-ruled paper

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES**

Period 2: 8f5nbel  
Period 4: qti1qw  
Period 5: f7o8cma  
Period 7: ofwyfwb

**REMIN 101**

Text @DK2D99 to the number 81010

**HOMEWORK**

Student homework consists of reading and writing to preview, practice and reinforce concepts taught in class. It is not busy work! To achieve understanding of our history you will need to work independently with the information. Not doing homework for mastery or review will seriously interfere with your success on quizzes, tests, projects, and essays.

1. Homework is designed to take 20-30 minutes four to five times per week.

2. Homework is graded on a basis of completion and reasonable attempt to answer the questions.
3. Any assignment must be completed before the start of class for full credit, any time after the start of class will result in partial credit.

## **YOUR COURSE GRADE WILL BE BALANCED BETWEEN CLASS WORK, HOMEWORK, PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, CLASS PARTICIPATION, QUIZZES AND TESTS.**

<b>ABSENT WORK</b>	If you are absent, be sure to check my website and Extra Handouts folder for any missed assignments. If you do not make up the work from an excused absence in the same number of days you were absent, the work will be considered late and will receive half credit. Any tests missed during your EXCUSED absence must be made up at the agreed upon time made with the teacher to receive full credit. In the case of an absence, all missed assignments must be turned in the following day labeled “ABSENT”. Students’ attendance in class is directly related to their success in this course. School absence and tardy policies will be followed and enforced.
<b>LATE WORK</b>	Late work will only be accepted for full credit if the student has an EXCUSED absence on the date an assignment was given or due. Otherwise, students have until the end of the chapter to turn in assignments for partial credit. After that, no late work will be accepted.
<b>QUIZZES &amp; TESTS</b>	<p>If you are dissatisfied with the grade you earn on a vocabulary quiz, I will provide one week to complete quiz corrections. Quiz corrections consist of recording the correct answer to the quiz question, defining the correct word three times with the complete definition from the textbook on a piece of paper, stapling the lined piece of paper to the quiz, and returning the corrections by the one week due date.</p> <p>If you are dissatisfied with the grade you earn on a unit test, you may complete the remediation assignment of essential questions from the unit. As with the quiz corrections, you will have one week to complete this assignment to receive an additional 10% on the test—up to 99%.</p> <p>For quiz corrections and test remediations, any student is allowed to complete the extra assignment. The extra credit will not be awarded after the one week due date.</p>
<b>GRADES</b>	<p>Your course grade will be computed on a total point basis. This will include classwork, homework, projects, participation, quizzes, and tests. The following scale will be used to determine grades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A= 90-100%</li><li>B= 80-89%</li><li>C= 70-79%</li><li>D= 60-69%</li><li>F= 59% or below</li></ul>
<b>MEDIA</b>	Movies and video clips will be used periodically as a supplement to the other information provided in class. The following movies, or similar movies, may be shown in their entirety or partially: <i>Schindler’s List</i> , <i>Gandhi</i> , and <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> . If you do not approve of your son or daughter viewing these movies, please make a note on the signature portion of this course outline, and an alternative assignment will be given without consequence.
<b>ACADEMIC INTEGRITY</b>	The Valencia Academic Integrity Policy will be in effect. Any student involved in dishonesty on any work, from class work and projects to tests and quizzes, will receive zero credit for the assignment in question (this includes plagiarism on writing assignments). Repeat offenders may be subject to a referral to the Assistant Principal, suspension from class, and/or a parent/teacher conference. Students with cell phones out during tests will receive an automatic zero on the test and a referral to the office.
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:cdunbar@hartdistrict.org">cdunbar@hartdistrict.org</a>
<b>CLASS WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://mrsdunbarhistory.weebly.com/">http://mrsdunbarhistory.weebly.com/</a>

