**World Cultures Syllabus**

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Introduction*:* This is a required freshman course, which will provide a people-centered study involving an in-depth look at the world's major cultures. The study of each of these cultures will focus upon its history, present-day culture and geography, family life and structure, social organizations, attitude on education, government, religious beliefs and institutions, economic life, political trends, and intellectual and artistic accomplishments of men and women within that culture. The study of each of the cultures will be supplemented by the development of reading, writing, research, geography, critical thinking, and study skills.

Course Outline:

Semester 1:

1. A review of geography an introduction to culture (Unit 1)
2. Culture of the Middle East (Unit 6)
3. Cultures of Latin America (Unit 3)

Semester 2:

1. Culture of the Asia
2. Cultures of Africa

Materials**:** You are expected to come to class prepared. This requires you to come to class with your World Cultures book, World Cultures folder, and World Cultures spiral notebook and a pen/pencil *everyday*!

Textbook: *World Geography and Cultures* by Richard G. Boehm, 2008

Students will be expected to have their World Cultures textbook with them *daily*. Students may store their textbooks in the classroom, however, it is still their responsibility to keep track of the textbook. The student will be charged for any textbook not returned at the end of the year/semester.

Classroom Rules:

1. Respect others (teachers, students, visitors/guests, substitute teachers). Remember to treat others the way you want to be treated!
2. Come to class every day prepared! (Folder, textbook, spiral, pen/pencil).
3. Be in your seat when the bell rings ready to work.
4. Electronics (cell phones, iPods, etc) must be turned off and put away.
5. No food or drink is allowed in the classroom!

Homework Policy: All homework is to be turned in on the assigned due date for full credit. Late work may be turned in for half credit until the halfway point of the semester; or 2 weeks before the end of the semester. I will post dates to remind students if they are missing any work.

Absent Work: If you miss class it is YOUR responsibility to ask about any make up work or class notes that you missed the first day that you are back! You will get one day per day you were absent to turn in your work. If you do not request your missed work, it will be marked late (half credit). Unexcused absences will result in a zero for the assignments/activities/tests/quizzes for the day. Excessive absences will be handled per the MCHS student handbook by the dean’s office.

Bathroom/Locker Policy: You will only be allowed to leave the classroom 6 times per semester. You will receive 6 bathroom/locker passes to use for the semester. The bathroom passes that are not used at the end of the quarter may be turned in for 2 extra credit points each.

Tardies: Students must be ***in*** *their assigned seats ready to work* when the bell rings. Students who are not in their seats will be considered tardy. Tardies will be handled per the MCHS Student Handbook by the Deans office.

MCHS Grading Scale:

 A = 100-90%

 B = 89-80%

 C = 79-70%

 D = 69-60%

 F = 59% and below

Semester Average: The semester average is calculated using the following values:

 Semester 1: 80%

 Final Exam: 20%

DUE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Students:

I have read over the syllabus and I understand what is expected of me throughout this school year. I have also talked about it with my parents/guardians.

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Student Name (Printed) Date Student Signature Date

Parents/Guardians:

Please read over the class syllabus with your student. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me at any time. I will reply as quickly as I can! I look forward to working with you this school year!

Questions/Comments:

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date