Canyon Crest Academy: Non-Western World History

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
⊠Moderate □Difficult □Very Difficult	It is important to note that this serves as an estimate of the average nightly homework load. It is not intended to be a concrete value, and homework completion time will depend upon the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student.	District Grades 912 Department ■ Consideration that this is an academic elective, and that there is some homework associated with this course including reading, writing, and research—however, the amount of time spent on this is not considerable. ■ Reading level that either meets or exceeds the 10 th grade level. ■ The ability to process abstract reasoning.

Course Description

This course is highly recommended for 9th grade students who are planning to take AP World History in 10th grade. While it is not an Advanced Placement (AP) course, it is an excellent opportunity to take a Social Science course in the 9th grade to continue to develop skills learned in middle School and to prepare skills required for AP. The course is open to all students regardless of whether they will take or have taken AP World History. However, for those students who have completed AP World History, this course provides a helpful, in-depth study of topics that are relevant to the AP exam in World History and will allow students a means of extending their learning.

Additionally, completion of this course would allow the students the ability to apply the knowledge gained in this course on the SAT II World History exam. The CP World History standards in California do not meet the content demands of the SAT II exam; this course can help increase those scores.

This course seeks to study the last fifty years of world history from the Non-Western perspective. The purpose of the course will be to study the contemporary issues facing the world today that derive their origin in these regions. It will also serve as an introduction to Non-Western world geography and cultures. While current events in Non-Western regions will often drive in-class discussions, the point of the course is to determine the causes of these current events looking back over the last fifty years. Along with a geographic introduction, the course will study the cultural and religious foundations of Non-Western regions. This course is designed as a part of a comprehensive Social Science program and specifically complements most core academic requirements (specifically: College Preparatory World History, AP World History, Sociology, Economics, and Current Issues.) This course extends the study of World History (both AP and College Prep) with a more in-depth exploration of history that includes and exceeds current standards established by the State. Course work will be research and project, with at least two multimedia presentations or simulations. Students may also analyze primary-source historical documents and complete essays based on documents of these sorts, often referred to as a Document Based Essay.

Grading

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scare is used to determine the final grade: 100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

Additional Information:

Africa

- Decolonization

- Genocide/ Civil War

PovertyAIDS

- Legacy of Apartheid

- Environmental/Ecological threats

Particular Foci:

Nigeria Kenya, South Africa Rwanda

North Africa/ Southwest Asia/ Central Asia

- Militant Islam v. Authoritarianism-

- OPEC

- Pan Arabism/ Baathism

- Wahabism/Muslim Brotherhood/Al Qaeda

- Khomenei

Particular Foci:
Palestine/Israel
Lebanon/ Syria
Iran/Saudi Arabia
Irag v. Dubai

(two versions of the future)

East Asia/ South Asia

- Pacific Rim Trade

- Post war Asia

- Deng Xiaoping's Four Modernizations

- Tiananmen Square

- Nehru Dynasty

- Bollywood

- India's Silicon Valley

Particular Foci: Japan Inc. PRC v. Taiwan Korean Peninsula

Pakistan v. India v Sri Lanka

The Asian Tigers

Latin America

Banana Republics

- Yankee Imperialism

- NAFTA

- El Norte

- PRI

Drug Wars

Contras

- Peronism

Particular Foci:

Mexico Cuba Nicaragua Columbia Argentina

Supplemental Information:

10 credits

Meets the high school graduation requirement for electives