

Horizon High School
World History
2009-2010
Instructor: Matt Abbe

My web site address is <http://cmweb.pvschools.net~mabbe/>.

Weekly lesson plans, documents, and other important information will be posted on my web page. It is the student's responsibility to check my web page for assignments, especially if the student is absent. My e-mail address is mabbe@pvschools.net; Horizon's telephone number is 602-449-7779, extension 36022 should students or parents need to reach me. I will respond to e-mail and phone messages within one school day, usually during my prep period, 9:30-10:23.

Academic Curriculum and Expectations

The focus will be Ancient Greece to the Modern Age and how geography has shaped world events. Students will analyze the human experience through time, recognize the relationships of events and people, and interpret patterns, themes, ideas, beliefs, and turning points in world history. They will learn and practice reading strategies, note taking, historical research, and analytical skills. To be successful learners, students must read the text, take notes, and complete class assignments.

Textbook

Spielvogel, J. *World History*, Glencoe, 2005.

Companion Web Site

wh.glencoe.com

Supplies

Each day of class, students must bring the following:

- Completed work due that day and any required related materials.
- Notebook (a 3-ring binder with dividers). It will be organized by unit, chapter, section, and date.
- Pens (dark blue or black ink), college-ruled notebook paper, and highlighters.

Assessment

<u>Exams</u>	40%
<u>Quizzes</u>	20%
<u>Project</u>	10%
<u>Assignments</u>	30%

Once the percentages have been calculated, students' grades will be determined as follows:

90-100%	=	A
80-89%	=	B
70-79%	=	C
60-69%	=	D
0-59%	=	F

Exams

Multiple choice, true/false, and document-based questions will appear on exams that will be given after each unit of study. The exams will assess how well students have learned from the text assignments, lectures, and other class related activities.

Quizzes

Quizzes may be given at the end of any section of a chapter or as unannounced, pop assessments.

Quarterly Project

Students will choose an area of interest to research and share with the class.

Assignments

Will include, but not be limited to, chapter outline and lecture notes, online exercises (companion web site and UnitedStreaming videos), and primary source document presentations.

Late Work

Homework is due at the beginning of class. Half credit will be given for late homework turned in no more than one day after the due date. For the quarterly project, students will lose ten percent for every day the paper is late.

Restroom/Drinks

Students are expected to use the restrooms/drinking fountains between classes.

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to follow all Horizon High School rules and policies (see the Horizon Student Handbook) and the following expectations for our classroom:

1. No food (including candy) and no drinks (except water).
2. Phones must be turned off and no other electronic devices are to be seen/used. If any electronic device is seen or heard, the student will be asked to put it away. If this occurs during an exam or quiz, the student will be given a zero for that assessment. An office referral will be written on occasions when a student is asked repeatedly to put away an electronic device.
3. Be prompt. Students should be in the room preparing for class by the time the final bell rings.
4. Be prepared. Expect to show or turn in homework at the beginning of the hour.
5. Be respectful of everyone in the room. Teasing or harassing of any kind will not be allowed.
6. Backpacks and notebooks will be stored under the desks.
7. Be diligent. Work from bell to bell. Prepare to leave only after class ends for the day.
8. Do not wear hats in class.
9. Do not line up at the door as class ends; you may stand and be at ease anywhere else in the classroom.

Everyone at Horizon High School should be part of an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Students are expected to follow the Horizon High School rules/policies stated in the Student Handbook and the expectations for our classroom stated above.

Tardy Policy: The school's tardy policy will be followed in the classroom. Please see the HHS handbook for details.