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Global History Student Contract

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Global Studies class! This term our class will focus on the various ideologies, wars, social and political movements, and technological advances that occurred from the 1930s to the present. Our class will consist of simulations, readings, class discussions and other activities with regular homework, multiple choice and written exams, and projects. There will be a written component in almost every class. Grades will be determined by a variety of assessments, such as: exams, essays, projects, homework, as well as class participation, behavior, and your notebook. Success in this class is very much YOUR responsibility. Take charge of your studies and do your best. The following is what is required of you this semester.

I. CLASSWORK-20%

1. ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance and active participation in class are expected and required.
- If you are absent it is expected that you contact another student about topics and/or issues that were discussed in class and/or check the class website for notes and announcements.
- It will be YOUR responsibility to complete and submit missed coursework. You should have the work prepared when you return to school.
- If you are late, you must sign in the late log when entering class. Leave your pass on the late log, do not hand it to me. Excessive lateness and unexcused absences will negatively impact a student's overall grade.
- If you are absent on a test day, when you return to school you must hand in the appropriate absence documentation. You will **not** be able to make up a test without a valid excuse. Please contact me ahead of time via email to schedule a make-up; be prepared to take the make-up the day you return.

2. CLASS PARTICIPATION

All classwork—written or oral—done in groups or individually—is assessed and contributes to the class participation grade

- It is expected when the bell rings, for you to be in your seat, with your notebook open, the date, aim, and homework copied down and that you are prepared to work on the Do Now as soon as directed to do so.
- Active participation is required. Personal conduct, and social contribution to the classroom community also influence this grade. There are many ways for students to earn full credit for class participation, this includes; raising your hand to volunteer answers, engaging in class discussions and debates, asking thoughtful/meaningful questions, responding to points or questions posed by other students, referring to course materials during class, taking initiative during group work, etc.
- Our classroom is a safe space for learning, interacting and sharing our thoughts and ideas, any disrespectful and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Behavior that will detract from your grade includes but is not limited to: having out your phone or other unrelated material, excessive lateness, excessive absence, inattentiveness, sleeping in class, inappropriate conduct, and being a distractive influence in class.

3. CUTTING (Please be aware of the Stuyvesant High School cutting policy)

- Students with more than 3 unexcused absences in a marking period cannot receive a 90 or above (thus students with 9 or more unexcused absences cannot receive a final grade of 90 or above)
- Students with more than 6 unexcused absences in a marking period cannot receive an 80 or above (thus students with more than 18 unexcused absences cannot receive a final grade of 80 or above)
- Students with more than 10 unexcused absences in a marking period cannot pass that marking period (thus students with more than 30 unexcused absences cannot pass for the term)

4. NOTEBOOK

- Students must keep a notebook and/or binder in which they keep all the materials required for class. Notebook quizzes will be given throughout the semester.

- Laptops and personal computers are **not** permitted to be used in class.
- The set-up for the required Global notebook as follows:
 1. **Class materials:** Course Requirements, Course Outline, Skills Handouts, Project Handouts and Rubrics.
 2. **Class work /Notes:** Each page should have the date, the class aim, and class notes. Related handouts should also be included.
 3. **Homework:** Clearly labeled with name, date and homework number; should be organized chronologically. All homework should be original and in your own words.

II. ASSESSMENTS - 60%

- Classroom tests are based upon assigned readings, class discussions, and class notes, and should be seen as opportunities to reinforce and evaluate learning.
- At the end of this semester, you will take the Global History Regents, which will be worth ten percent of your assessment grade.
- Observe proper decorum during test days. Having out unrelated materials, or communicating with a classmate during or even after a test may be interpreted as cheating. Take no chances — clear your desk, put bags and all materials under your chair and don't talk while a test is starting or in progress.
- Students who engage in academic dishonesty will receive no credit on the assignment in question and your parents will be notified. Two offenses, will result in suspension.

III. HOMEWORK-20%

- Homework must be submitted in class on the day that it is due. Students may turn in homework up to one day late for half the credit.
- Each assignment must have a full heading which includes your full name, date, period and homework number/or title of the assignment and be completed in blue or black ink.
- Do not hand me unstapled work or interrupt the class to borrow someone else's stapler!

IV. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY (CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM)

Discipline regarding plagiarism/cheating conforms to the school and to DOE policy. In signing this student contract you are acknowledging the following:

I understand that plagiarism is the act of submitting a piece of written work that, in part or in whole, includes the work of another person—work that I did not create. This includes, but is not limited to, copying other words, images, sound bites, art work, phrases, paragraphs, or ideas, from another source or person without indicating precisely that these words or ideas come from a source other than me.

I understand the seriousness of this offense and in signing below I am stating that I will not plagiarize or engage in academic dishonesty and will not allow others to plagiarize from my academic efforts. I understand that if I do submit plagiarized work, I will be held responsible and comply with disciplinary action set forth by the school administration and the Department of Education's discipline and intervention regulations.

I further understand that giving or receiving help during an examination/assessment (at home or in class) either from others or from written/electronic aids represents cheating and is also subject to school discipline.

***PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME LEGIBLY AND SIGN BELOW
KEEP THIS CONTRACT IN YOUR NOTEBOOK FOR REFERENCE***

I have read and understood the expectations and requirements for this class outlined in this student contract and will comply with them.

Student name: _____

Class Period: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____