

MERCYHURST PREP - SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT
MR. BAKKA
20th CENTURY WORLD HISTORY - IB

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will study three topics in preparation for the International Baccalaureate history exam. Topic one will address international relations between 1918 and 1936 with particular emphasis on the Paris Peace Settlement. The 20th century produced many single-party states which will be the basis of topic two. The origins, ideology, form of government, organization, nature, and impact of these will be studied in detail. The final topic will examine the Cold War. It will include superpower rivalry and events in all areas affected by Cold War politics such as spheres of interest, wars, alliances, and interference in developing countries.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Each student is expected to have a notebook in which to keep classwork, lecture notes, homework and other assignments. A missed assignment will result in a "0" grade. Any assignment turned in late will be penalized an appropriate point value. Students will use a variety of books and readings which will include:

An Age of Conflict: Readings in 20th Century European History edited by Leslie Derfler and Patricia Kollander.

IB Course Companion: 20th Century World History published by Oxford University Press

History of the Cold War published by Heinemann International

Single-Party States published by Anagnosis

BASIS FOR GRADING

Exams, homework assignments, participation, individual presentations, and papers will all be used to determine student grading. The grade will be based on points earned by each student during the term. The points will be expressed as a percent of the total possible points. This course will be conducted in seminar style so each student will be expected to participate on a regular basis in classroom discussions. Students are advised to save a copy in their server folders of all graded work generated by computer and a hard copy of all other work. In the event of a missing assignment, the burden of proof that the assignment was completed by the deadline rests with the student. Students should also save all graded and returned papers in case of a grade question.

CLASSROOM POLICY

While I am talking, everyone is listening. If you wish to speak, raise your hand and we will all listen. Always be polite. It is common courtesy to respect the rights and opinions of others. Students will be expected to exemplify the qualities of a good citizen on all class trips. As a faculty member I will strive to respect each individual as not only a student but also as a person. As a community we will strive to make the statement of integrity an integral part of our development as teachers and students.

COURSE OUTLINE

On the following pages.