

"It's supposed to be hard! If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great!"

WH9H is a **freshman** World History honors course. It is the first year of a two-year history honors program, designed to prepare you for sophomore **Advanced Placement European History**. During the two years of this program, you will be provided with the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to become:

- responsible citizens
- academic achievers
- self-disciplined individuals
- effective problem-solvers

Classroom Expectations

- **Responsibility:** Responsibility is the key to success, and the remedy for failure. **No excuses - ever!**
- **Respect:** Respect the person and property of everyone around you.
- **Right:** Right action, right effort, right speech, and right thought.

"Be proud of everything you do, for what you do and how you do it tells others who you are."

- **NO** food, drink, or gum. Water, and only water, is always ok.
- Cell phones, iPods, or other "toys" may not be used in class. The first time I take it, your parent can pick it up from your assistant principal. The second time I take it, you may pick it up from me - on June 23rd!
- Hall Passes: 2 per semester. No passes during lectures, exams, quizzes, videos, or when we have a substitute.
- Recommendations for ASB will only be given to students earning a minimum grade of B- (80%) or better.
- All students will be expected to participate in interactive groups activities throughout the year.

Grades

A	100 - 90%	Interactive Notebook & HW	20%	Four Exams @ 12.5% each	50%
B	89 - 80%	Quizzes	10%	Semester Final Exams	15%
C	79 - 70%	Participation	5%		
D*	69 - 60%	* During the second semester, Ds will not be given: F = 69.9 - 0%			
F*	59.9 - 0%	* Grades are <u>NOT</u> rounded-up - some extra credit will be available.			

"Study, study, study! And when you're done studying, study some more!"

- A passing grade must be earned during first semester to continue in the honors history program in the second semester.
- Extra credit may be earned **only** by attending "After-School Theater/History" sessions: 1 hour = 10 pts.
- **Extra credit may only be earned by students with a minimum grade of 60% (D-).**

"I don't give you your grades - YOU earn them!"

The Interactive Notebook

- Detailed instructions on how to create your WH9H interactive notebook will begin on Monday, 14 September.
- You will have notebook homework almost every school night of the year.
- Late work will **NEVER** be accepted unless you return to class with a **full-day excused** readmit.
- No credit will be given for incomplete or sloppy work. *Neatness, spelling, and grammar ALWAYS count!*
- Assignments are always due at the **start of your period**. If you're tardy, so is your homework.
- All "quiz corrections" must be handwritten, using two different colors of ink (blue and black only).
- Two points are earned each day you attend class on-time **and** fulfill all of the classroom expectations.
- **The Los Amigos cheating policy will be strictly enforced - no exceptions! In addition to the consequences imposed by your assistant principal, any violation forfeits ALL participation and extra credit points for the semester.**

Testing

- Quizzes:**
- Monday quizzes will cover all lessons from the previous week, and may not be made-up.
 - One low quiz score will be dropped per semester.
- Exams:**
- All exams will include *at least* 50 multiple-choice questions; some may include a writing portion.
 - Make-up exams will be given only with a full-day, excused readmit, and must be taken your first day back.
 - For all make-up exams, 50% of your grade will be short answer/essay.
- Finals:**
- Finals are cumulative for each semester. Attendance on the designated final exam days is mandatory.

"Who on Earth do you think you are? A superstar? Well, right you are?"

Contract: DUE MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

By signing, I acknowledge my understanding that Los Amigos High School's WH9H/AP European History program is an intense, two-year program of advanced academic study. I understand this class will require at least 1 hour of homework almost every school night. As their guardian, I agree with my child's intention and commitment to complete the honors program's full two-year course of study.

Print Student's Name

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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MATERIALS NEEDED FOR WH9H: DUE MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

- 1 Spiral Notebook: **150 pages, College Ruled, three-hole-punched, 8 1/2 x 11 in.**
- 1 Three-Ring Binder: 1.5 inches wide, with cover page and binder slips
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 3 different colored highlighters
- blue and black ball-point pens (many)
- a three-hole punched pencil bag
- a three-hole punched ruler
- a pair of small scissors
- a small bottle of elmer's glue
- pencils