Welcome to World History
World History

A general survey of World History from Prehistoric times to the Present
Some Stuff About Me

Mr. Emrick
PAVCS
High School Teacher
Glory Days
High School Jock in 60s

When I knew everything.
First year teacher 70s
The Starving Artist
Lucky in Love
Joanne: The Best Thing that Ever Happened to me!

Yuppie Headhunter in 80s
Jo and Me
Family Guy and Business Owner in 90s

Kit
Jon and Kristen
1996

Jon, Kit, Jo, and Kristen
Back to Teaching: something I love to do.
(2003- present)
Materials

• We will use World Civilization for our online course. (We will not be using the K12 World History Course)

• Consider it your text book.

• There are also History Notes with additional information.

• PowerPoints will cover the most important information.
Getting into the Online School

• Click on OLS in Blackboard.
• Log in to K12
• Click on Virtual High School (on the right hand side of the screen)
• A page will come up that looks like an announcement page.
• Click on My Courses tab
• scroll down to click on PAVCS Fall Term 2007 (click on the little plus sign)
• You should see World Civilizations.
Navigating the Course

• In panel at left of screen are buttons.
• Under Course Outline is a button for each Unit.
• Click on the Unit you want. Then click on content. This is the only part of the course we will be using. The course assignments will all be in blackboard.
• Click on arrows (triangles) at top right to turn pages.
Tabs

• After you open the Unit you want you will see tabs at the top of the page (Tools, Unit, Page)
• Tools give you helpful information to help with assignments.
• Unit Tab helps you find Lessons and Topics.
Reading Assignments

• We will not read all the assignments in order.
• I think it is easier to learn World History in Units based on important events that affected many parts of the world about the same time.
• Our Units will not match up with the online school units.
• Assignments will be given as 3 numbers. First the Unit, then the Lesson, then the Topic.
• So what does read 1.2.2 mean?
How to identify assignments

• Read 1.2.2 means read topic 2 in lesson 2 of unit 1.
Assignments to be handed in.

• All assignments will be in blackboard.
• An announcement will appear when an assignment is posted and you will find it under the assignment section in Blackboard.
• All assignments will be completed and handed in through Blackboard.
• You will not use the digital drop box for this course.
Introduction to History

• History is a written record of the past
• Everything before writing is prehistoric

• Social power comes from communication that sustains cooperation.
“Great Nations write their autobiographies in three manuscripts, the book of their deeds, the book of their words and the book of their art. Not one of these books can be understood unless we read the two others. But of the three the only trustworthy one is the last.”—John Ruskin

John Ruskin
(1819-1900)
Progress is driven by human ambition to change one’s conditions to match one’s hopes.
Belief Systems

- We will study some of the different belief systems and religions that are behind them.
- Belief systems have nothing to do with peoples’ race or ethnic group.
- Any human organization reflects the beliefs of the people who organize it and keep it going.
- People direct their energies according to what they believe to be good and true.
- However if the belief is false, the result will be different from what was expected.
• Groups that achieved more efficient communication and cooperation within their own ranks improved their competitive position and survival chances.

• The power of human communication, cooperation and competition shaped history.

• The best way to get the most out of human energy is to allow people to be free.
Freedom from Want
By Norman Rockwell
The Answer

“If we look to the answer as to why for so many years we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on Earth, it was because here in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than has ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and assured here than in any other place on Earth.”

-President Ronald Reagan
Questions ?