READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP. You are responsible for the contents.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this class is to introduce you to the study of World History. We will look at the meaning of history and how our view of the past is shaped. This survey will help you develop an appreciation of other people and other cultures and give you a better understanding of why the world in which you live is the way it is.

Textbook: Anthony Esler, The Human Venture: A World History from Prehistory to the Present. 5th edition. The text is an essential part of the course. Its primary purpose will be to provide chronological order and cover those areas not discussed in class.

Ethics: You are expected to be a responsible student. Read the current Kennesaw State University Catalog and familiarize yourself with such concepts as misrepresentation, plagiarism, unauthorized access to official materials and other regulations. *Students caught cheating will automatically receive a zero for their test!

Attendance Policy: Attendance for my class is mandatory. Students who miss seven class days will automatically fail the class. Students are required to sign a roll call sheet for every day of class. Please turn cell phones off during class.

TESTS: There will be ten tests given during the semester. Each individual test will count ten percent each. The tests will be no more than fifty questions. The questions for these tests will come from the textbook, class discussions, and other related materials.

PARTICIPATION GRADE: Students who do not want to take all ten tests have the option of presenting an individual presentation on a person or event in history and students can write a three page book review double space 12 font as well. However, students that choose to do both the presentation and a book review cannot do both of them on the same person or event! You will have to choose separate topics to write about. Students can also participate on two group projects as well. In theory if a student was to complete both the presentation and book review as well as working on both group projects, he or she could take six tests instead of ten. However, students must do one or the other; if you do not do any projects than you must take all ten tests!

MAKE-UP POLICY: Students are entitled to one make up exam only! If students miss more than one test than they will receive a grade of zero for each additional test they miss! A make up exam is intended for emergency purposes only! A make up exam is a
new test and it is generally harder than a regular exam because the material comes from the textbook only! Makeup exams will be administered only twice during the semester: Once after the midterm and the second time will be before the final exam.

GRADES:  

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

*Students who forget to sign their test will automatically receive a grade of zero for their test!  

*Instructor reserves the right to modify everything in the syllabi.  

* Students must have a minimum of an 89.5 for their final grade to receive an “A” in my class.  

*Students who are twenty-five minutes late for the exam will not be allowed to take the exam! You will automatically be scheduled for a makeup exam.  

*Students must who are twenty-five minutes late for class will not be allowed to sign the roll call sheet for class that day.  

Course Schedule  

Thursday, 7 January   Introduction to the course & Early civilization in the Near East  
Tuesday, 12 January   Ancient Persia & Chapter 6 *Students can make a presentation on either Mesopotamia or Persia  
Thursday, 14 January   The First Test will cover the Near East & Persia  
Tuesday, 19 January   Ancient Greece & Rome Chapters 3 & 6  
Thursday, 21 January   Ancient Greece & Rome Chapters 3 & 6 *Students can make a presentation on either Greece or Rome  
Tuesday, 26 January   The Second Test will cover Ancient Greece & Rome  
Thursday, 28 January   Ancient Islam Chapters 10 & 16  
Tuesday, 2 February   Ancient Islam *Students can make a presentation on Islam Chapters 10 & 16
Thursday, 4 February the Third Test will cover Islam

Tuesday, 9 February Ancient India & China *Students can make a presentation on either ancient China or India
   Chapters 4, 7, 11, 12, 17 & 22

Thursday, 11 February the Fourth Test will cover India & China

Tuesday, 16 February Ancient Africa-Egypt and Carthage
   Chapters 2 and 5

Thursday, 18 February West Africa-Ghana, Mali, and Songhai *Students can make a presentation on ancient Egypt or ancient African civilizations
   Chapter 13

Tuesday, 23 February the Fifth Test will cover Africa
   Chapters 2, 5, and 13

Thursday, 25 February Native American civilizations in the Americas *Students can make a presentation on ancient Native American civilizations
   Chapter 5, 8, and 13

Tuesday, 2 March Native American civilizations in the Americas
   Chapter 18 *Last day to withdraw from the class without academic penalty

Thursday, 4 March the Sixth Test will cover Native Americans

Tuesday, 9 March Spring Break

Thursday, 11 March Spring Break

Tuesday, 16 March Europe Chapters 9 & 15

Thursday, 18 March Chapter 15 on Europe *Students can make a presentation on Europe

Tuesday, 23 March the Seventh Test will cover Europe

Thursday, 25 March Early Modern History *Students can make a presentation on Early Modern History or on Early Modern Europe
   Chapter 19

Tuesday, 30 March the Transformation of Europe
   Chapter 20
Thursday, 1 April the Eighth Test will cover Early Modern History
   Chapters 19 & 20

Tuesday, 6 April the Americas
   Chapter 21

Thursday, 8 April the End of Western Imperialism
   Chapter 23

Tuesday, 13 April World War I *Students can make a presentation on World War I. There can also be a variety of group projects as well.
   Chapter 24

Thursday, 15 April the Ninth Test will cover the Americas up to World War I * Students can make a presentation on this topic. There can also be a variety of group projects as well.
   Chapters 21, 23 & 24

Tuesday, 20 April Revolutions in Russia and China
   Chapter 25 *Students can make a presentation on this topic. There can also be a variety of group projects as well.

Thursday, 22 April World War II
   Chapter 26* Students can make a presentation on this topic. There can also be a variety of group projects as well.

Tuesday, 27 April Post World War II

Thursday, 29 April Post World War II
   Chapter 27 * Students can make a presentation on this topic. There can also be a variety of group projects as well.

Thursday, 6 May the Tenth Test or the Final Exam (5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.)