CLASS OBJECTIVE
Develop “memories” from the thousands of years that occurred before our individual existence, by studying and discussing the major themes and the universal questions of human life. What might be the global connections that have long tied the people of the earth together? Additional objectives include knowledge of global geography; understanding the interplay between “change” and “continuity” during world history; and discussing aspects of current life that connect directly to the past. Some major themes of the class will be:

- Rise and Fall of Centers of Power and Wealth
- Role of Technology vs. the Role of Human Nature
- Migration and Diffusion
- Ways of Thinking and Believing
- To Invent; to Learn; to Copy: Is there a difference?

Textbook: PATTERNS OF WORLD HISTORY

Grades: A= 90 to 100, B= 81 to 89, C= 71 to 80, D= 60 to 70.

PARTICIPATION GRADE: Twenty per cent of the class grade will be based on a system of participation, which includes class discussion, written work, practice quizzes, and a group presented presentation.

EXAMS: There are two exams, which fall on each of the two Fridays; each valued at 40%. Exams will include both written essay and fact based questions.

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READING SCHEDULE: textbook reading and discussion will proceed chronologically. You should overview each chapter and be ready to discuss the major themes and questions contained in each chapter. Some chapters will be covered quickly, others in more detail, as indicated in the reading schedule and book guide. Material not covered in your book will be presented by the instructor during class time.

MONDAY WEEK ONE: Chapters 1. The topic will be Human Evolution and Development; and the concept of human modernization and globalization. What has changed and what remains the same? And why? Maps will be studied; and the class overviewed; a practice test will be given.
TUESDAY WEEK ONE: Chapters 2, 3, 4. Topics will be River Valley Civilizations, Empires, and Security vs. Imperialism. Practice in test making and test taking.

WED WEEK ONE: Chapters 6, 7, and 8. The Four Religions of the Ancient West and the Spirituality of India. The search for the meaning of life. Groups formed in preparation for the group presentations.

THURS WEEK ONE: Chapter 12. India, China and Japan. Discussion and set up of group presentations.

FRIDAY WEEK ONE: The Silk Roads, Connections, Diffusion, Mongols, the interconnections of Africa, Europe, and Asia. Test One.

Monday 2nd week: Chapter 15 and 18. The Americas and Why China did not Discover America. How Africa, Asia, and American Native Americans made possible the European rise to wealth and power.


Wed 2nd week: Class Presentations

Thurs 2nd week: Class Review. Chapters 23, 24, and 31. A peek into the future.

Friday 2nd week: Final Exam