

## **World History Honors Syllabus – Mr. Ken Littlejohn**

**Class description** – World History is an intermediate level survey of the key events from the Middle Ages to the present day. Students will be asked to do daily and nightly assignments which would include reading, analyzing historical documents, writing essays and evaluating historiography of various events. This course is meant to challenge students who are interested in academic rigor as well as knowledge in the social studies field.

**Class attendance** – Attendance is necessary as well as mandatory. Excessive absences or tardies will not be tolerated. **An excess of absences could result in a denial of credit.**

**Materials** – The student should bring a textbook and notebook with paper as well as a pencil or pen to class every day. Colored pencils are useful but not required.

**Outside readings** – *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt

*Born A Crime : Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah  
(This book does have some strong language and a milder, abridged version can be made available if families so desire)

Both of these books will be supplied by me but students are allowed to buy their own copy if they wish.

**Grading** - Students are graded every nine weeks on the following criteria :

Major test average = 50% of grade - there are a minimum of 3 major tests per nine weeks

Daily and quiz average = 50% of grade

Semester exam = 10% of the semester grade

The student's final average will be determined from the average of each semester grade.

**Make up work and mastery**– Students that miss a test will have one week to make up that test after missing the test before a grade of zero will be entered. Students are allowed to retake a quiz or major test that is below the mastery grade of 75 during a nine weeks period. The format to the test will be similar to the original but will not necessarily be the exact same questions as before. Students who want to make up a test need to do so outside of normal class time. The most points that can be obtained will be 75. Students can also redo classwork and projects for a mastery grade of up to 75.

Students who miss class need to make up work and turn it in the next class period after the student returns to school, unless otherwise stated. Students can turn in late work; however, **twenty points will be deducted from the grade for each A or B school day that it is not turned in. Those who fail to make up any work of any type will receive a zero for that grade.** Students are responsible for finding out about missed assignments and turning them in.

**Class rules** – Be accountable (Be on time to class, have your materials, your school ID and complete your assignments)

Be respectful (Of yourself, of your teachers and of your classmates – treat others with dignity and courtesy)

Be orderly (Do not talk out of turn or cause disturbances that detracts from a good learning environment)

Be aware of why we are here (The purpose of school is to get an education)

Be reminded (All students are to follow the rules of the Greenville Tech Charter students hand book)

Students will be kept after school for detention for breaking class rules. Continuous infractions will result in office referrals.

**After hours help :** I have Wednesday afternoons from 2:50 – 3:20 as office hours. Students can also receive assistance other days after school per a request.

**Contact** – Parents you can contact me by e-mail at [klittlejohn@staff.gtchs.org](mailto:klittlejohn@staff.gtchs.org) or by phone after school at 250 – 8852. The best time to call me during school is between 11:00 and 12:00 on both A days and B days. Please call the front office (250-8844) for me during school hours since someone else will be teaching in my room.