

# World History: Conflicts in the Twentieth Century

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<b>Grades:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Day of Week:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Time of Class:</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:30 pm ET</b>
<b>Length of Class:</b>	<b>20 weeks</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Fall &amp; Winter</b>
<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>High School Credit:</b>	<b>1 – History</b>

## **Class Dates:**

**Week 1: Week of September 11**

**Week 2: Week of September 18**

***No classes from September 25 – October 6, 2023 – Jewish Holidays***

**Week 3: Week of October 9**

**Week 4: Week of October 16**

**Week 5: Week of October 23**

**Week 6: Week of October 30**

**Week 7: Week of November 6**

**Week 8: Week of November 13**

***No classes from November 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Holidays***

**Week 9: Week of November 27**

**Week 10: Week of December 4**

***Make-Up Days: Week of December 11***

**Week 11: Week of January 8**

**Week 12: Week of January 15**

**Week 13: Week of January 22**

**Week 14: Week of January 29**

**Week 15: Week of February 5**

**Week 16: Week of February 12**

**Week 17: Week of February 19**

**Week 18: Week of February 26**

**Week 19: Week of March 4**

**Week 20: Week of March 11**

***Make-Up Days: Week of March 18***

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### **Description of Class:**

In this class, we will explore World War 1, World War 2, the Cold War, and the rise of “Superpowers” in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We will examine the causes of the First World War and how alliances between countries caused the first “global war”. From there, we will look at how the aftereffects of World War 1 planted the seed that became World War 2. From there we will look at the post World War 2 division of Germany, the creation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact and the effects of the Cold War. This class is a combination of lecture and documentary video clips as well as discussion.

### **Class Approach:**

This class is a combination of lecture, documentary video clips as well as discussion.

### **Goals:**

Students should be able to accurately detail the causes of WW1, WW2, and the Cold War. Students should know who the major players were in each event and which side they were on.

### **Textbook:**

TBD

- Notebook
- Microphone
- Camera (Smart Phone Camera is fine)

### **Requirements:**

Students will be expected to interact in class. Students will be required to complete assignments in a timely manner. Students need to respect each other.

### **Weekly Homework:**

Every week there will be a combination of reading, viewing of video clips as well as writing. You can expect about 1-2 hours of homework weekly.

### Homework Policy:

Homework will be due prior to class for students to receive full credit unless arrangements have been made in advance. Students will receive partial credit for homework submitted within two class periods of due date. No credit will be given for homework turned in after two weeks. Additionally, any outstanding homework needs to be turned in prior to any unit test, even if that is sooner than the two weeks.

### Grading Scale:

90-100 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-70 =	C
69-60 =	D
59 and below:	No effort : F

### Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Lamps Going Out: Prelude to the Great War (World War I)
<b>Week 2</b>	Leadership: Monarchs, Generals, and Statesmen
<b>Week 3</b>	Innovations: Technology of Warfare
<b>Week 4</b>	Global Conflict: Key Battlefields Across the Globe
<b>Week 5</b>	1917-1918: From Conflict to Collapse and Armistice
<b>Week 6</b>	Dividing the Spoils: Treaties and (lack of) Negotiation
<b>Week 7</b>	Forming the Post-War Order in the 1920's (part 1)
<b>Week 8</b>	Class Presentations on WWI; Forming the Post-War Order in the 1920's (part 2)
<b>Week 9</b>	Manchukuo to Khalkhin Gol: Rise of Japanese Militarism in the Far East during the 1930's
<b>Week 10</b>	Testing Ground for Global Conflict: The Spanish Civil War
<b>Week 11</b>	From Polish Blitzkrieg to Darkest Hour: Allied Collapse in the West
<b>Week 12</b>	Poking the Bear and Waking the Giant: Nazis Attack USSR; Japan Strikes at Pearl
<b>Week 13</b>	Periphery at the Center: Fighting on the Africa/Mediterranean and Asian fronts
<b>Week 14</b>	The (Russian) Empire Strikes Back: Stalingrad and the Eastern Front
<b>Week 15</b>	Storming the Beaches: D-Day and The March to Berlin
<b>Week 16</b>	Pandora's Box: Ending the Pacific War
<b>Week 17</b>	Allies to Adversaries: US-USSR Proxy and Direct Conflicts Across the Globe, Part 1
<b>Week 18</b>	When Cold Runs Hot: US-USSR Proxy and Direct Conflicts Across the Globe, Part 2

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Week 19</b>	Getting Caught Up in the Collapse: How the Cold War's end set the stage for the 21st century's challenges
<b>Week 20</b>	Final Presentations on WWII and postwar era