

## MEMO

DATE: 2020-2021 School Year

TO: Prospective Modern AP World History Students and Parents

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RE: Modern AP World History Course Commitments and Requirements

We understand that you are considering Modern AP World History. It is a class with many rewards: (1) You will be able to challenge yourself in a college class with peers that are similarly motivated; (2) you will work with teachers who have had much experience teaching AP World History and who are committed to working hard with any student who wants to take the challenge of this class; (3) you will be well prepared to take the AP test in the Spring of 2021 (typically 90-100 percent of the AP World History students at CKHS pass the AP World History test—and well over 50% pass with a score of 4 or 5); and (4) you will develop college level skills BEFORE you go to college in an environment specifically designed to help you develop those skills (in college they will assume you have them already). Many former AP World students have returned from college with stories about how the skills and/or content learned in AP World helped them in the college classes.

However, we would like to ensure that all students who enroll in Modern AP World History have an accurate understanding of what the course entails.

Students who enroll in the course should say yes to the following:

- I want to take a college course.
- I have strong reading and writing skills and am a strong analytical and abstract thinker.
- I am willing to devote time to reading approximately 10 pages of a college-level text nightly, even if, especially at the beginning, it might take me an hour.
- I want to take individual responsibility for my own learning.
- I am willing to be the one to take initiative if I need help.
- I am curious and interested in learning.
- I have good attendance.
- I know that I will need to complete an assignment before first day of school next Fall.

In summary, we want to encourage you to challenge yourself in rigorous courses, but they do take a high level of individual commitment and accountability as well as intellectual maturity. We welcome and will work with all students who want to make this commitment, but, we want to be sure that you have an accurate picture of what you are getting yourself into. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

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