

# History 12



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## **Introduction**

Welcome to History 12.

This will be your first real taste on international politics . . . the raw workings of power between nations. This is a course about decision making on a global scale!

History 12 is an exploration of the most important developments during the 20th Century. This course centers on the relationships between nation states, and therefore we tend to focus on diplomatic and military history. This semester you will study the global impact of the First World War, Paris Peace Settlement, Great Depression, Second World War, and the Cold War. You will also study important developments in China, India, and the Middle East, plus the Civil Rights Movement.

The primary object of this course is to provide a disciplined study of the 20th century with a continued emphasis on critical thinking skills. An important goal of this course is to develop a lifelong interest in real history, which will result in a much deeper understanding of current world events.

This class will require a decent amount of reading and writing, but if you work hard, this should be one of the most rewarding courses you take at OKM! It will prepare you for university!

## **Mark Distribution**

Terms . . . 100%

## **Grade Evaluation**

Exams	60%
Classwork	30%
Quizzes	10%

## **Strategies for Success**

History 12 is a content driven course, and consequently it is not easy. If you do not keep up with the class, there is a good chance you may not be happy with the results.

**LATE:** Come to class on time! We normally start with a review session before writing our opening quiz, so missing that review session may impact your performance.

If you miss the quiz completely, please bring a signed note excusing your lateness. Otherwise, your mark will be negatively impacted.

**ABSENCE:** It is expected that you attend class. Missing classes will make History 12 very difficult. If you are away, always check the website to stay in the loop!

*See the OKM Attendance Policy!*

**SUPPLIES:** It is expected that you bring your textbooks, binder, pen, paper, and any other work required to class.

**CHEATING & PLAGERISM:** It is expected that you complete your own work. Any occurrence of cheating will result in an instant referral to the office.

**RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR:** It is expected that you will treat everyone with respect, and consequently everyone will be expected to treat you with respect.

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** Please note the policy outlined on the Senior Expectations Form, and the revised OKM Attendance Policy.

**POOR GRADE:** It is expected that students work hard to earn a good mark in History 12. If your mark drops below 50%, we are going to have a serious talk about a withdrawal from History 12!