



**World History 6  
Grymes Memorial School  
Mr. McLeod  
2023-2024 School Year**

**Course Description**

In the sixth grade World History course students explore the period from the fall of the Roman Empire through the Age of Exploration.

**Textbook**

Bert Bower's *The Medieval World and Beyond* is the primary textbook for the course. So that students can keep up with reading assignments, students will be issued a copy of the text which can remain at home.

**Mr. McLeod's Website**

On Mr. McLeod's website students and parents will find weekly schedules and additional resources related to this course. The site can be reached via the following address:

[www.grymesmcleod.org](http://www.grymesmcleod.org)

**Veracross**

On Veracross students and parents can access information concerning grades and upcoming assignments using their usernames and passwords. The Veracross portal can be reached via the following address:

<https://accounts.veracross.com/grymes/portals/login>

## **Behavioral Expectations**

### **The Pillars of Our Community**

Honor, respect, responsibility, and kindness are the pillars of our community. The behavioral expectations associated with this class are built around these virtues. Students who act with integrity and show respect for others, while exercising responsibility and kindness, will be in good standing as it pertains to discipline in this classroom. Because we are a community of learners, the expectation is that all of us will follow the rules, respect the spirit of the rules, and be thoughtful and inclusive.

### **Bullying**

Because bullying behavior can profoundly disrupt the harmony of our school, and cause distrust, we will be vigilant about rooting it out even if it is not clearly visible in the classroom. Don't poison the well! If you are threatening, excluding, or demeaning another person you are harming our community.

### **Green Chair**

Should a student not be acting in accordance with the pillars of our community the student may be sent to the green chair which is in the Gardner Hall commons. The student shall remain in the green chair until asked by Mr. McLeod to return to the classroom.

### **Student and Parent Conferences**

Should a student show a pattern of not acting in accordance with the pillars of our community, Mr. McLeod will meet privately with the student, and if necessary, the parents of the student.

### **Silent Lunch and Demerits**

Should behaviors warrant, a silent lunch will be assigned to the student. For more egregious behaviors that run counter to our community values and rules, Mr. McLeod may assign a demerit.

### **Honor Code**

From the 2023-2024 Family Handbook:

At Grymes Memorial School, we believe that the development of a personal code of ethics and conduct is essential to any honor system. All members of the Grymes community are responsible for creating and maintaining trust within the community. Grymes Memorial School's ethics are defined by the Honor Code, which states that students will not lie, cheat, or steal. This behavior, along with bullying, harassment and disrespect will not be tolerated.

## **Academic Expectations**

### **Google Classroom**

Google Classroom is a portal that allows students to view the assignments and announcements for all of their classes. Students are expected to log-in to Google Classroom on a daily basis to see assignments and announcements. Students are expected to have a working understanding of how Google Classroom operates and how to properly submit assignments within Google Classroom. Google Classroom allows students to access their History materials and assignments at any time on any computer using an internet connection.

### **Completing Assignments in a Punctual Manner**

Students are expected to complete assignments in a punctual manner. Penalties will be assessed for work completed late. Assignment deadlines can be seen in Google Classroom and due dates are also noted within Veracross.

### **Presentations, Interactive Notebooks, and Study Guides**

Mr. McLeod will make his presentations available to students in the form of Google Slides which will be posted on Google Classroom. Students will complete notes about these presentations in an interactive notebook and submit their completed interactive notebooks through Google Classroom. The textbook, Google Slide presentations, and completed interactive notebooks should be used to complete study guides which will also be submitted through Google Classroom.

### **Quizlet**

Quizlet assignments will be given to help students master content and prepare for tests. Quizlet assignments will be assigned in Google Classroom and completed on the Quizlet site. Upon completing the assignment students are expected to complete a form in Google Classroom indicating that the assignment has been completed.

### **Tests**

Tests will be composed of fifteen identify questions. Ten of these questions will be worth seven points each. Five of these questions will be worth six points each. All test questions will be chosen from the study guide.

### **The Planner**

Each student is issued a planner at the beginning of the school year. Students should write their assignments and assessments in their planners on a daily basis.

## **Grading Information**

### **Grading Scale**

A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	Below 60

### **Semester Grades**

Each of the two quarter grades in a semester count one time in the computation of semester grades. The sum of this computation is divided by two to determine the semester grade. If Johnny earned an 80% average for the first quarter and a 90% average for the second quarter the computation to determine the semester grade would be as follows:

$$80+90=170; 170/2=85\%$$

### **Grade for the Year**

The grade for the year is the average of the two semester grades. If Mary earned a 75% average for the first semester and an 85% average for the second semester, the computation to determine the grade for the year would be as follows:

$$75+85=160; 160/2=80\%$$

## Useful Information

### Mr. McLeod's Email Address

Mr. McLeod's email address is as follows:

rmcleod@grymesschool.org

### Mr. McLeod's Schedule (2022-2023)

Period 1	U.S. History 7
Period 2	U.S. History 7
Period 3	Planning
Period 4	World History 6
Period 5	World History 6
Period 6	U.S. History 8
Period 7	Planning

### Paper Copies Not Required

Some students will not want to keep a traditional three ring binder. Keeping a traditional three ring binder is not required. Assignments, study guides, and practice materials can be found online at Quizlet and Google Classroom.

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Mr. McLeod did not place a three ring notebook on the supply list as keeping a three ring notebook is not required.

### Weekly Emails and Weekly Schedules

Mr. McLeod sends out, via email, a schedule for the week. These weekly emails are sent to students and to parents. The weekly schedules are usually sent out on Sundays. The weekly schedules indicate classroom activities and homework for each day of the week.

## Important First Quarter Information

### Dates

Anticipated Start Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Anticipated Middle of the Quarter: Friday, September 29, 2023

Anticipated End of Quarter: Thursday, November 2, 2023

### Curriculum

First Unit	The Fall of Rome and the Byzantine Empire
Second Unit	Early Islam
Third Unit	West Africa

### Anticipated Types of Grades, Veracross Codes, and Grade Weighting

<u>Description</u>	<u>Veracross Code</u>	<u>Grade Weighting</u>
Quizlet Exercises	OTH1	10%
Interactive Notebooks	OTH2	15%
Study Guides	OTH3	15%
Unit Tests	Tests	60%

Overall quarter grade weighting will be determined at the end of a quarter based on the nature of the assignments collected and the circumstances of the quarter. It is expected that the grade weighting shown above will be used.

## Important Second Quarter Information

### Dates

Anticipated Start Date: Monday, November 6, 2023

Anticipated Middle of the Quarter: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Anticipated End of Quarter: Thursday, January 18, 2023

### Curriculum

First Unit	China
Second Unit	Japan
Third Unit	Early European Middle Ages

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Interactive Notebooks	OTH2	15%
Study Guides	OTH3	15%
Unit Tests	Tests	60%

Overall quarter grade weighting will be determined at the end of a quarter based on the nature of the assignments collected and the circumstances of the quarter. It is expected that the grade weighting shown above will be used.

## Important Third Quarter Information

### Dates

Anticipated Start Date: Monday, January 22, 2024

Anticipated Middle of the Quarter: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Anticipated End of Quarter: Thursday, March 28, 2024

### Curriculum

First Unit	Late European Middle Ages
Second Unit	Renaissance
Third Unit	Reformation

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Interactive Notebooks	OTH2	15%
Study Guides	OTH3	15%
Unit Tests	Tests	60%

Overall quarter grade weighting will be determined at the end of a quarter based on the nature of the assignments collected and the circumstances of the quarter. It is expected that the grade weighting shown above will be used.

### Third Quarter Field Trip

The World History 6 class will be attending the Thursday, February 8, 2024 of Drum Tao at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville. The performance will feature Japanese taiko drumming and highlight the flute, marimba, and harp.



## Important Fourth Quarter Information

### Dates

Anticipated Start Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Anticipated Middle of the Quarter: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Anticipated End of Quarter: Friday, May 31, 2024

### Curriculum

First Unit	Mesoamerica
Second Unit	Scientific Revolution
Third Unit	Age of Exploration

### Anticipated Types of Grades, Veracross Codes, and Grade Weighting

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Interactive Notebooks	OTH2	15%
Study Guides	OTH3	15%
Unit Tests	Tests	60%

Overall quarter grade weighting will be determined at the end of a quarter based on the nature of the assignments collected and the circumstances of the quarter. It is expected that the grade weighting shown above will be used.