

# MR. SAADIA'S CLASSROOM CONTRACT

## GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY I



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Dear students and parents/guardians:

The following are the policies/guidelines/expectations for World History I. These signed guidelines will serve as a contract between you and the teacher of this course. In order to be successful in this course, you must follow these guidelines.

### WHY?

In today's interconnected diverse world, students must be prepared to interact with people of all cultures. This class will expose students to historical and current events which have shaped the modern world. Students must also study how society works which will empower them to become well-informed good citizens who will participate and better society. Students will learn important life skills such as critical thinking, writing, collaborating, debating, presenting, and public speaking. History is what made the world the way it is today. Learning about history is what makes it possible to learn from the past and plan for the future.

### WHAT?

Grade 9 begins with the Paleolithic Era and the development of the first civilizations, continues with an examination of classical societies, and traces the expansion of trade networks and their global impact. The course emphasizes the key themes of geography and its influence on historical events, interactions over time, shifts in political power, and the role of belief systems. To better understand major historical events, students will analyze primary and secondary sources. We will also cover current events strengthening varying skills and goals including awareness of local/national/international events, prioritizing newsworthiness, and making connections across time and place.

### HOW?

1. **Respect** your teacher, your classmates, and your school.
2. Follow directions and show the appropriate level of maturity.
3. Always be honest, accountable, and make good choices.
4. Lateness will not be tolerated. Come to class on time, be seated, and prepared with all materials. Lateness and promptness will greatly affect your grade.
5. If a student is absent, you are responsible to get the class notes, as well as the homework assignments that were covered for that day.
6. Use restroom *before* class. Students will be allowed to leave class 3 times per quarter.
7. Work hard! Put forth your best effort and have a positive attitude.
8. You must actively participate in classroom discussions and activities and take notes. Listen when others are talking and wait your turn. To speak, you must raise your hand and wait to be called on. Calling out will not be tolerated and will result in a -1 on your assessment.
9. You will Read a lot! Think a lot! and Write a lot!
10. **YOUR GRADE:** I will regularly post all your grades online so that you and your parents are able to view your average and are on top of your progress. Please note that I do not give you your grade, **you earn it!** Your grade will be determined based on the following mathematical breakdown:

Category	Value
Tests	45%
Projects	10%
Quizzes	10%
Homework	10%
Classroom Participation*	25%
*Discipline, Lateness, and "cuts"	- ???

Looking forward to a great and successful year!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Saadia

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the above policies.

Print Name [Student]: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature [Student]: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name [Parent/Guardian]: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature [Parent/Guardian]: \_\_\_\_\_