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ENGLISH

Based on national and state standards, Primavera Language Arts nurtures an appreciation for literature while developing a proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, grammar usage, spelling and vocabulary.

ENGLISH 9A*

Essentials of the English Language

In this interactive course, students expand their vocabulary, examine literature, and create written projects. Students study and apply the 6-Traits of Writing to all of their projects. They build writing skills through the processes of prewriting, organizing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ENGLISH 9B*

Elements of Literature

The purpose of this course is to build critical reading skills and enhance the ability of students to read classic and modern literature of greater sophistication and subtlety. Students continue to develop their writing through unit projects and the application of the 6-Traits of Writing to the processes of prewriting, organizing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ENGLISH 10A*

Principles of the English Language

Students strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the different styles and types of writing. Emphasis is placed on the specific and separate trait qualities of the 6-Traits of Writing: functional, expository, expressive, persuasive, and research. At the same time, they learn how to relate to and utilize the written word in their own lives.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **English 9 A&B**

ENGLISH 10B*

World Literature

English 10B features the universal themes in world literature. A variety of reading selections such as the epic, persuasive narrations, and cause/effect essays, as well as plays and poetry, are evaluated using the literary elements. Students identify main topics and learn how to build reading skills. Here students also gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of other cultures.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **English 9 A&B**

ENGLISH 11A*

Composition

English 11A features a variety of writing exercises designed to hone students' writing skills. Students create, edit, and revise compositions in exposition, narrative, argumentation, and persuasion. Language flexibility, improved sentence structure, and development of content in the writing process are emphasized.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 9 &10**

ENGLISH 11B*

American Literature

English 11B is a survey of American literature from before the Declaration of Independence to the present. Here students gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of American culture through examination of the literature of each major era. Emphasis is placed on the works of major American authors and literary movements. Vocabulary, oral communication, formal communications, and research skills are also included.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 9&10**

ENGLISH 12A*

Advanced Composition

English 12A focuses on learning to write with confidence and mastery. Emphasis is placed on building language flexibility, improving sentence structure, and mastering the writing process. Students create, revise, and edit six writing projects that are designed to help students take writing to the next level.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **English 11A&B**

ENGLISH 12B*

British Literature

In English 12A, students experience a survey of dynamic British literature from the ancient epic poem of Beowulf to more contemporary pieces by George Orwell and Doris Lessing. Emphasis is placed on major literary movements, British authors and classics, and the impact of historical events on literary works. In English 12B, students gain a better understanding of English masterpieces as well as their own writing.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **English 11 A&B**

MATHEMATICS

Utilizing an innovative browser-based math curriculum, students master concepts in subject areas such as Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Math. This interactive format is challenging, yet engaging, and exceeds the most demanding academic expectations.

ADVANCED MATH A

Elements of Trigonometry

Trigonometry can be thought of as a specialized study of Geometry. Focusing on the study of triangles, angles, and trigonometric functions, it provides students with experience in advanced mathematic concepts. From a practical point of view, students see how measurements and formulas shed light on everyday life. They find that trigonometry can save a life on a raft, predict astronomical events, and locate a forest fire.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2 A&B**

ADVANCED MATH B

Pre-Calculus and Rational Functions

Precalculus expands the student's knowledge of Algebra and Geometry. Precalculus covers functions and their graphs, equations and inequalities, polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, sequences and series, and analytic geometry. This course assists the student in making the transition to college level mathematics. By the time the student completes this course, the student will be prepared for Calculus!

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2 A&B**

ALGEBRA 1A CONCEPTS

Beginning Algebra Concepts A

Algebra 1A Concepts is a student-friendly alternative to the first half of beginning algebra. Though it covers the same concepts as Algebra 1A, the activities are designed for students who need additional assistance to master the math concepts. The course focuses on skills needed to manipulate math expressions that involve variables. Students learn to translate between sets of data, graphs, and algebraic equations. Along with algebraic fluency, students develop a feel for how algebra applies to real world situations.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Suggested for students who have not passed Algebra**

ALGEBRA 1B CONCEPTS

Beginning Algebra Concepts B

Algebra 1B Concepts is an equivalent alternative to Algebra 1B with a greater focus on developing the practical skills needed to manipulate math expressions. Students learn to translate between sets of data, graphs, and algebraic equations. Along with algebraic fluency, students develop a feel for how algebra applies to real world situations. The lessons are designed to be more interactive for students who need an alternative way to learn algebra.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A&1B Credit and Geometry A&B Credit**

ALGEBRA 1A*

Beginning Algebra

In Algebra 1A you will move further away from simple mathematics and begin searching for the elusive Mr. X. Algebra 1A This course focuses on the skills needed to solve equations and perform manipulations with numbers, exponents, data sets, geometric figures, variables, equations, and inequalities. Students develop algebraic fluency including the knowledge of concepts required to understand abstraction and generalization in algebra.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Must have passed placement test**

ALGEBRA 1B*

Algebraic Concepts and Functions B

Algebra 1B builds upon the algebraic concepts covered in Algebra 1A and provides a strong foundation for advanced level courses. Students review algebraic concepts and work on projects that include exponents and exponential functions, polynomials and factoring, quadratic functions, theoretical probability, and transformations. The ability to manipulate algebraic expressions is critical in geometry, which typically follows that class.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A**

ALGEBRA 2A*

Intermediate Algebra A

Algebra 2A is an advanced course in mathematics. It gives you the opportunity to further your skills in the areas of interpreting and evaluating algebraic expressions. If you are planning to go on in any science, engineering, accounting, or mathematical field, this course provides excellent preparation.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A&1B Credit and Geometry A&B Credit**

ALGEBRA 2B*

Intermediate Algebra B

Algebra 2B completes the studies of high school algebra and prepares students to advance to trigonometry, pre-calculus, and beyond. This course provides the opportunity for students to develop and strengthen skills to read and evaluate algebraic expressions. Topics covered include exponential and logarithmic functions, rational and radical functions, properties, and attributes of functions, conic sections, and data analysis. It also includes an introduction to probability and trigonometry.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2A**

*COURSE ALSO OFFERED AT HONORS LEVEL.

ALGEBRA 2A CONCEPTS

Intermediate Algebra A Concepts

Algebra 2A Concepts is a student-friendly alternative to the first half of Algebra 2. Though it covers the same concepts as Algebra 2A, the activities are designed for students who need additional assistance to master the math concepts. The course focuses on skills needed to understand linear, polynomial and quadratic functions. Students learn to solve linear systems and are introduced to the concept of Matrices.

Suggested Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: **Suggested for students who have not passed Algebra 2A or have struggled in Algebra 1**

ALGEBRA 2B CONCEPTS

Intermediate Algebra Concepts B

Algebra 2B Concepts is an equivalent alternative to Algebra 2B with a greater focus on developing the practical skills needed to understand and manipulate logarithmic and exponential functions. Students learn about the advanced properties of functions, conic sections, sequences and probability.

Suggested Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: **Suggested for students who have not passed Algebra 2A or have struggled in Algebra 1**

MATH STANDARDS A

Tools to Prepare for AIMS A

Math Standards A is a class designed to provide students a review of the fundamentals of mathematics as well as topics covered in the first semester of Algebra 1. This course is recommended for those who have not passed the AIMS test. Topics will include arithmetic readiness, number sense, data analysis, basic geometry and algebra.

Suggested Grade Level: 9
Prerequisite: **None**

MATH STANDARDS B

Tools to Prepare for AIMS B

Math Standards B is a class designed to continue providing students a review of the second semester of Algebra as well as introduce Geometry concepts seen on the AIMS test. Topics will include algebraic reasoning, basic geometry, linear equations, functions and exponents.

Suggested Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A or Math Standards A**

FOUNDATIONS FOR ADVANCED ALGEBRA

Introduction to Intermediate Algebra 2B

This class is designed to be a bridge from Algebra 2A to Algebra 2B. It is well suited for students coming out of Algebra 2A Concepts, or those who have previously failed Algebra 2B or Algebra 2B Concepts and need a chance to build their skills.

Suggested Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2A**

GEOMETRY A*

Geometric Figures and Relationships A

Geometry is the study of the measurement of the world. What makes Geometry so interesting is the relationship of these measures to each other and how students can predict relationships just by knowing certain facts. Through practical applications, the student sees how geometric reasoning provides insight into everyday life.

Suggested Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A&1B or Algebra 1A & 1B Concepts**

GEOMETRY B*

Geometric Figures and Relationships B

Geometry B extends the skills gained in Geometry A. The student continues the study of shapes and angles and their relationship to each other. The course introduces proportionality, circular shapes and arcs, and three-dimensional figures. Students continue to develop their deductive reasoning through proofs of theorems and corollaries.

Suggested Grade Level: 10
Prerequisite: **Geometry A**

BUSINESS MATH A

Personal Finance

Practical Math is the first of two courses that provides the mathematical tools by which students move toward becoming financially literate. Students understand the realities of making money, deductions on income, selecting accounts, and making large purchases, such as buying a car or a home. Students practice research skills, and employ the power of mathematics and their own creativity to plan, interpret, and manage their personal finances.

Suggested Grade Level: 11 or 12
Prerequisite: **Geometry B**

BUSINESS MATH B

Business Smarts

Business Math provides the mathematical tools by which high school students might become financially literate. This course concentrates on business-related skills that require mathematics. As students practice calculations, find percentages, solve unknowns in equations, use spreadsheets, and work with exponents, they learn about the ins and outs of running a business.

Suggested Grade Level: 11
Prerequisite: **Geometry B**

*COURSE ALSO OFFERED AT HONORS LEVEL.

SCIENCE

Students explore the worlds of biology, chemistry, physics and earth and space science, and gain insight into how humans interact with and influence the delicate balance of life on Earth and throughout the universe.

*All Sciences Require Labs and Materials

HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Health Sciences Preparation

This course is designed to give a foundation to students interested in a career in the health sciences. The major tissues, organs, and organ systems of the human body are described, as well as their contribution to the health of the individual. The risks and benefits of various behaviors are also evaluated in the light of their contribution or detracting from body functions.

*This course is also the equivalent of Biology B Honors Course

Suggested Grade Level: **10 or 11**
Prerequisite: **Successfully Completed Biology A and Preferably Biology A & B**

BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY

Plants and Animals

The plant and animal kingdoms may not be the majority of life on Earth, but they are the most interesting for humans. This course focuses on the comparative anatomy and physiology of multicellular organisms. The study of plants and animals, respectively called botany and zoology, gives an idea of the diversity of life on the planet.

Suggested Grade Level: **9 or 10**
Prerequisite: **Successfully Completed Biology A and Preferably Biology A & B**

BIOLOGY A*

Principles of Biology

Biology A introduces students to the scientific method and the major concepts of biology from an historical and practical viewpoint. The three major themes of this course are the cell, the molecular basis of heredity, and the interdependence of organisms. Students who take this class will have a deeper appreciation for the complexities of living organisms.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **None**

BIOLOGY B*

Modern Biology Themes

Biology B is a continuation of the basic course in biology, Biology A. The major concepts covered are population dynamics and evolution. Students explore population dynamics through the study of mutualism, predation, parasitism, and competition. The theory of evolution is presented, along with the many evidences and details that make evolution the backbone of modern biology.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Biology A**

CHEMISTRY A*

The Basics of Chemistry

Chemistry A covers the basic principles and properties of matter. Students discover how to measure and calculate the various elements and explore chemical formulas. Knowing what makes up our world is an important part of living in it.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2 A&B, Algebra 1 A&B, or A/B student**

CHEMISTRY B*

Elements of Chemistry

Chemistry B covers the atomic theory, the mathematics of chemistry, acids and bases, oxidation and reduction, states of matter, environmental issues, and sources of energy in food. Concepts in this course include the electronic structure of atoms, chemical bonding, liquids, solids, and intermolecular forces. Additionally solutions, chemical equilibrium, reaction rates, and states of matter are considered. Students develop a solid understanding of several universal scientific principles.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Chemistry A (minimum of C in Chemistry A), Algebra 1 A&B, Algebra 2 A&B (minimum of B in Algebra courses)**

GENERAL SCIENCE A

Basic Science A

A beginning course in chemistry, physics, and earth science and how they relate to everyday life.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

GENERAL SCIENCE B

Matter, Energy, and Outer Space

This is the second course in basic non-biological science covering chemistry, physics, and space science. The student, upon completion of the course, will be able to understand and apply basic scientific principles to the technological and physical issues of everyday life. In addition, the student will gain an appreciation of how the Earth and its systems relate to the Universe and its subsystems.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **General Science A**

SCIENCE

PHYSICS A*

Looking at the Real World

This course is a survey of the major themes of physical science including atomic theory, dynamics, energetics, thermodynamics, electricity, quantum mechanics, and particle physics. Interactive demonstrations and virtual labs allow the student to visualize and explore the laws and theories of physics. Scientific history, methods of exploration, and philosophy are also presented.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1 A&B and Geometry A&B, passed with C or better**

PHYSICS B*

Laboratory Course in Physics

Physics B starts from classical physics and journeys to particle physics and modern electronics. Topics include the nature of light, wave motion, sound flow, optics, and electromagnetic fields. Students are introduced to Maxwell's field theory, which laid the foundation for Einstein and Planck to explore relativity and quantum mechanics.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Physics A (passed with C or better) Algebra 1 A&B and Geometry A&B, C grade or better.**

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Interrelationships of Life on Earth

The human population on Earth continues to increase, raising concerns over the ability of the planet to accommodate its inhabitants. The impact that life has on the dynamic processes of Earth, a changeable planet, and its material cycling are studied in Environmental Science. In the coming years, Environmental Science will become a more important part of every human's education to keep both the population and the planet in healthy balance with each other.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **General Science and Biology**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Learning lessons from the past using Primavera’s interactive social studies format is exciting. Take virtual field trips or virtually visit the Challenger Space Center and experience history in a whole new way.

AMERICAN HISTORY A*

Creation of a Nation

This course covers the discovery, development, and growth of the United States. Major topics include; American Indian cultures, European colonization of the Americas, and the causes and effects of the American Revolution. Geographical, economic, and political factors are explored as the key factors in the growth of the United States of America.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 9 A&B**

AMERICAN HISTORY B*

Modern America: Challenges and Solutions

American History B begins with a study of American life before the 1929 Stock Market crash and how the Roaring Twenties influenced society in the late 19th through early 20th centuries. Students will examine the causes and consequences of the Great Depression and move on into a detailed study of World War II with an emphasis on America’s role in the conflict. The course continues with an analysis of the Cold War struggle and America’s rise as a superpower. The Civil Rights and Women’s rights movements, pollution and the environment, and American domestic and foreign policy will be examined. The course wraps up with a summary of current events and issues, including a study of the Middle East.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 9 A&B**

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT*

Government: Principles and Practices

Using the perspective of political institutions to explore the history, organization, and functions of the U.S. government Honors American Government offers scaffolded learning opportunities for students to develop the critical skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation in a more rigorous and reflective academic setting. Students are encouraged to use their knowledge of the structures and processes of governing to develop their own views on current political issues and apply what they have learned to the promotion of civic action.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **None**

ECONOMICS*

Economics: Principles and Practices

This course introduces the principles and the applications of economics in everyday life. Students develop an understanding of limited resources, and compare it with unlimited wants and needs. Students learn how individual and national economic decisions are made to allocate goods and services among competing users. Students apply economic principles to think and problem solve.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **Government**

WORLD HISTORY A*

Civilization to Industrialization

World History A traces the development of civilization from the earliest known cultures to the American Industrial Period. Throughout the course, students will use primary and secondary sources, textbook readings, videos, and multimedia presentations. These resources will help the student develop an understanding of the economic, geographic, political, and social factors influencing the development of western civilization. Students will prepare unit projects and participate in discussion forums every week.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Medium to high writing skills**

WORLD HISTORY B*

World War I to Current Issues

World History B is a survey of global events and issues. The class covers the years from World War I through the present. The conflicts inherent within political and social development of nations are the primary focus of study. Global conflicts, revolutions, economics, and ideologies are introduced.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Average to high writing skills**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education from an online high school? Yes, in fact, an online high school is perhaps the best place to begin a lifelong commitment to physical fitness. Combining modern technology with old-fashioned fun, Primavera's PE encourages fitness, rather than competitiveness.

HEALTH A

A Healthy Lifestyle

In this class students acquire skills, fitness, attitude, and knowledge to lead a healthy life. Health A focuses on the impact of personal decisions and healthy well-being. Topics include: peer pressure, self-esteem, nutrition, drugs, and alcohol.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE for a Healthy Lifestyle

This Physical Education course is designed to provide students with the essential knowledge and skills needed to participate in physical activities that promote individual well-being. Physical education is necessary for healthy living but this course teaches more than just running and jumping. Many aspects of healthy living are covered. Topics discussed include physical fitness, nutrition, healthy peer relationships, stress management, weight and strength training, and a host of others.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None – Must be able to do 30-60 minutes of physical exercise per day. (5 days per week)**

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students build vocabulary, comprehension, and grammar hand-in-hand while exploring world cultures. Students increase their speaking abilities by learning mini-dialogues, re-telling stories, and stringing together narratives.

FRENCH 1A

Introductory French, Part I

French is one of the most-studied languages in the world, with 175 million speakers in more than 50 countries. More than 30% of English words have a basis in French, so learning French will also improve knowledge of English vocabulary. Introductory French prepares the student for basic conversation in such situations as greetings and introductions, describing one's family, expressing opinions, and describing leisure activities.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

FRENCH 1B

Introductory French, Part II

French is one of the most-studied languages in the world, with 175 million speakers in more than 50 countries. More than 30% of English words have a basis in French, so learning French will also improve knowledge of English vocabulary. Introductory French, Part II prepares the student for basic conversation in such situations ordering food in a restaurant, asking for prices and making purchases, telling about yesterday's activities, and planning a vacation.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **French 1A**

FRENCH 2A

Intermediate French 2A

Students will continue their exploration of the structure of the French language. They will further their understanding by communicating with French speaking people from other cultures. The primary focus of French 2A will be the expansion of verb tenses to include the passé composé with the verbs Avoir and Être, and reflexive verbs. Students will expand their vocabulary to describe daily occurrences and confidently speak about the French culture.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **French 1B**

FRENCH 2B

Intermediate French 2B

Students will continue their exploration of the structure of the French language. They will further their understanding by communicating with French speaking people from other cultures. The primary focus of French 2B will be the expansion of verb tenses to include the passé composé, the imparfait, the subjunctif, and the conditional. Students will expand their vocabulary to describe daily occurrences and confidently speak about the French culture.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **French 2A**

SPANISH 1A

Introductory Spanish 1A

Spanish is spoken in 21 countries, making it one of the most commonly spoken languages in the world. Knowing Spanish will enable the student to connect with a wider range of people in their daily life, perhaps even leading to a job where speaking another language is an advantage, as in medicine or business. This course teaches the student how to greet others, describe their friends and family, exchange telephone numbers, and talk about their daily life, including school and home.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

SPANISH 1B

Introductory Spanish 1B

Spanish is spoken in 21 countries, making it one of the most commonly spoken languages in the world. Knowing Spanish will enable students to connect with a wider range of people in their daily lives. It will open doors that may even lead to a job where speaking another language is an advantage, as in medicine or business.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Spanish 1A**

SPANISH 2A

Intermediate Spanish 2A

Students will continue to explore the Spanish language and the study of its structure to learn to speak at greater length with Spanish-speaking people of other cultures. The primary focus of Spanish 2A will be the expansion of verb tenses to include the simple past (preterite) and the imperfect, as well as vocabulary useful for all modes of transportation and travel.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Spanish 1B**

SPANISH 2B

Intermediate Spanish 2B

Students will continue to practice expressing themselves on a variety of topics aimed at Spanish-speaking people of other cultures. The primary focus of Spanish 2B will be the expansion of verb tenses to include the subjunctive and the future, learning vocabulary for extending invitations and making requests, and expressing plans for the future.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Spanish 2A**

SPANISH 3A

Intermediate Spanish 3A

This course consists of basic grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary of the Spanish language. This course includes the study of the Spanish-speaking cultures. Practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills are included.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Spanish 2B**

SPANISH 3B

Intermediate Spanish 3B

This course consists of basic grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary of the Spanish language. This course includes the study of the Spanish-speaking cultures. Practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills are included.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Spanish 3A**

FINE ARTS

Students will explore the world of art, the basic principles and elements, and apply the acquired knowledge to real projects and assignments.

2 DIMENSIONAL DESIGN

Composition and Visual Arts

This course introduces students to the study of basic two-dimensional design. Students will learn the definitions of the design elements (line, shape, value, form, texture, and color) and the principles of design that act upon the elements. Verbal and visual definition of the elements includes practical assignments each week.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **10 or 11**
Prerequisite: **None**

CAREER EXPLORATION

Looking at the World of Work

Career Exploration is the first in a series of courses designed to help students think in career terms. This course helps students plan how to acquire and use workplace skills in school in order to obtain a competitive advantage in a career.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **10 or 11**
Prerequisite: **E-CAP Updated Through 10th Grade**

ART HISTORY

Art Throughout Time

Art History is a survey of Art throughout time. It introduces art principles and instructs students to look at art within the context of which it was made – its history. Exploration of the cultures that created significant buildings, sculptures, paintings, etc. are a key factor in understanding the importance and relevance of Art. Art History A provides the essential information and focus for this exploration. This course leads students from the drawings and structures of Prehistoric Man, through thousands of years of human creativity and innovation, and concludes with the Renaissance period.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **None**

COMPUTER BASICS

Keyboarding and Basic Skills

This course will help the student learn the basics of computer operations. The student will work with basic software programs such as word processing, spread sheets, and presentations. Students will also have the opportunity to improve their keyboarding speed and accuracy.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ELECTIVES

Students can enjoy a variety of electives that include Character Education, Psychology, Law and Ethics, Geography, and Sociology. New electives are added to the course catalog on a continuing basis.

7 HABITS

Effective Habits for Teen Success

7 Habits is a character education course based upon the best-selling book by Sean Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. In a conversational tone, it presents the habits that will bring control and calm into the lives of teenagers. This course deals mostly with so-called performance ethics—the habits that will give teens success. It does not emphasize so-called morality issues, though some discussion is given to high-risk behavior.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

AIMS MATH REVIEW

AIMS Math Test Preparation

This course is designed to enhance the student's Algebra and Geometry curriculum. The material will provide a solid foundation for approximately 90% of the Arizona standards in mathematics. Completion of only the lessons within the course (with a passing grade) will yield a 1/4 elective credit. Submission of a weekly study log in addition to finishing the lessons within the course (with a passing grade) will yield a 1/2 credit in Math.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A & B, Geometry A**

AIMS READING

AIMS Reading Test Preparation

The purpose of this course is to help students improve their reading skills and prepare for the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards, or AIMS test. Students are required to pass the AIMS test to graduate from high school. In this course, students will learn test-taking tips to help them be successful on the exam as well as specific strategies for reading the variety of material expected to be on the AIMS test.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **None**

AIMS WRITING

AIMS Writing Test Preparation

The purpose of this course is to help students improve their writing skills and prepare for the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards, or AIMS test; students are required to pass this test to graduate from high school. Students learn test-taking tips to help them be successful on the exam as well as specific strategies for writing the variety of essays expected to be on the AIMS test. Students review the 5-Step Writing Process using the 6-Traits of Writing. Students also practice answering multiple choice questions in the style of AIMS test items.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **None**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Developing Child: Conception through Adolescence

Students will explore the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of children. From conception through adolescence, students read about current research that continues to unlock how the brain develops. Students will also see how child development theory applies to everyday life as they study each stage of development.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Vacation Marketing

Everyone goes to restaurants, travels, and stays in lodging facilities. These businesses continue to grow, generating profits, and employing a vast number of people interested in these exciting careers. The Hospitality and Tourism course is designed to give students an overview of this exciting field as well as future educational and career options.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **None**

WORD 2010 CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

Preparation for MOS Certification

This course prepares students to take the Specialist Certification exams in the 2010 versions of Microsoft® Word®. Besides the immediate benefit of helping students prepare for the certification exams, the skills students gain help them accomplish school work, compete in the job market, and apply for college. The course incorporates a variety of documents from business and personal sources, which show the practical connections of what they are learning with day-to-day living.

NON-CREDIT COURSE

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Computer Basics**

LAW AND ETHICS

Practical Law

Law and Ethics is designed to give the student the necessary information to deal with common legal issues, such as contracts, torts, family law, and citizen participation in government. In addition, each legal issue is correlated with the value that underlies the law. Honesty, for example, is presented as the basic principle of contractual law. The course is not intended to focus on the law as a vocation, but rather as a means to live productively and peacefully as a citizen.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Government**

OWNERSHIP SPIRIT

The One Grand Key

Ownership Spirit is a character education course based on Ownership Spirit: The One Grand Key That Changes Everything Else by Dr. Dennis Deaton. This course is designed to help students understand themselves better. Along with a better personal understanding, students will improve their relationships with parents and friends, and become great decision-makers. Students will share their thoughts on important issues in their lives by participating in exciting interactive discussions, engaging projects, and fun activities. This is the perfect course for any student who wants to feel better about themselves and their lives and become more successful by developing sound life skills including how to overcome obstacles and adversity.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

RETAILING

Sales Marketing

This course communicates that retailing goes beyond sales, and explores the skills needed to succeed in real world careers. Students learn that opening a store requires research, strategy, and planning. A successful retail store requires careful merchandise selection, as well as buying and pricing expertise. In addition, it gives attention to service and management of employees at various levels.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **None**

STUDY SKILLS

Time Management and Organization

The Study Skills course is available to help students learn basic study, personal organization, communication, and self-advocacy skills. These skills will help the student become more organized and better prepared to learn.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Becoming Smart and Good

Character Education is an overview of performance and ethical principles. The six units encourage and educate students to be lifelong learners, think through problems, be diligent and capable, interact positively in social settings, respect others, assume responsibility, act ethically, and live according to a noble purpose.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

WORLD RELIGIONS

Insight to World Religions

Religion is a basic activity for humans. Religion defines human purpose, ethics, and judgment. Whether a person goes to church, synagogue, temple, or nothing at all, every person has a religion. In this course, the student will learn about the major world religions and what affect they have on their adherents. Hopefully, students will also find things in each religion that will make their lives more rewarding and productive.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **A or B Student; Critical Skill Thinker**

BASIC READING SKILLS

Primary Reading Skills

The purpose of this course is to help students acquire the skills that effective readers use and enhance the ability of students to use these skills when interacting with grade level text. The course will focus on comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and word recognition skills. It will also utilize a variety of reading passages to reinforce these skills.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT INTERMEDIATE A

ELD Intermediate

This course is for English language learners. It incorporates the major components of English language learning in an intensive system of study designed to move students to proficiency quickly and efficiently. It includes all aspects of language development: reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, pronunciation, and conversation.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Verified ELL Student**

HIGH SCHOOL MATH READINESS

Building a Foundation for Algebra

High School Math Readiness focuses on critical prerequisite topics that are central for success in Algebra. This is the best course to prepare students to advance as quickly as possible into Algebra 1A.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ELECTIVES

PSYCHOLOGY A

Your Mind and Emotions

Psychology A surveys the basic concepts and theories of human behavior and careers in psychology. Emphasis is on the stages of human development, how the body affects the mind and emotions, as well as how the mind, and emotions affects the body. This course introduces psychological research techniques and methodology.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **None**

PSYCHOLOGY B

Social Behavior and Influences

Psychology B focuses on the scientific study of individual behavior in the context of society. Students explore how psychological theories and research methods can contribute to understanding, prediction, and promotion of psychological health. Areas of study include the personality, the causes and treatment of mental disorders, and the role of social psychology today.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Psychology A**

SOCIOLOGY A

Human Society and Social Behavior

Sociology is much more than conducting surveys or analyzing census data. Sociology is all about studying people and the groups they are part of. Sociology examines social trends and cultural changes. It involves asking questions and solving problems. Questions such as, what causes social inequalities, poverty, racism, or sexism. In Sociology A the student will be introduced to the origins, research methods, and the work of sociologists.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **None**

SOCIOLOGY B

Social Institutions and Change

Everyone belongs to one or more groups, and the groups we belong to influence the way we think, feel, and act. The study of sociology gives us tools to define and understand social groups. With those tools, the student will learn how social groups affect our beliefs and actions, and how their members interact with each other. The emphasis in Sociology B is on learning about social institutions and social change with an emphasis on understanding groups in contemporary American society.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Sociology A**

WORLD GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURES A

Relating to the World

World Geography and Cultures A creates an interest in and a sense of wonder about places and the people who live there by making sense of our complex and changing world. It explains where places are, how places and landscapes are formed, how people and their environment interact, and how a diverse range of economies, societies, and environments are connected to one another. It builds on the student's own experiences to investigate places from the level of personal to global.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **A or B Student; Critical Skill Thinker**

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Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **World Geography and Cultures B (must have passed with "b" or higher)**

MATH BASICS A

Math Applications and Concepts A

This course covers fundamental concepts to prepare students for higher levels of mathematical understanding. Concepts discussed are algebraic reasoning, understanding, and using different types of numbers, proportions, exploring graphs and functions, and modeling percents. *Recommended for students with IEP's.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

MATH BASICS B

Math Applications and Concepts B

This second half of Basic Math will continue to expand the student's math skills in preparations for algebra and geometry. All concepts are presented in multimedia presentations allowing the student to learn in their own style. This course provides multiple opportunities for the student to learn new concepts, as well as reaching mastery level of basic math skills. *Recommended for students with IEP's.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Math Basics A**

ELECTIVES

PRE-ALGEBRA A

Basic Algebraic Concepts

Pre-Algebra A focuses and builds upon necessary mathematic skills as they apply to algebra. Real numbers and linear equations, linear inequalities, factoring, fractions, graphing, and some elements of geometry are addressed. *Recommended for students with IEP's.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

PRE-ALGEBRA B

Principles of Algebra B

This is the second course of Pre-Algebra. It continues the move from simple mathematics to the exciting worlds of algebra and geometry. Students will understand the need to master the skills in both of these mathematical areas for success in everyday life. *Recommended for students with IEP's.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Pre-algebra A**

MY SUCCESS A - HS

Intro to Online Learning

This interactive course introduces new students to Primavera and assesses readiness for success in online learning. This course includes initial placement testing in reading and math.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None, Required**

MY SUCCESS B - HS

Intro to Online Learning

The second section of My Success provides students with important information needed for safety in the online environment, high school career planning, and development of time management and study skills.

***IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A .5 CREDIT FOR THE COURSE THE STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE B COURSE, INCLUDING ALL AVAILABLE BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS.*

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **My Success A - HS**

HONORS

ENGLISH 9A HONORS

English Language Honors Essentials

In this interactive course, students expand their vocabulary, examine literature, and create written projects. Students will study and apply the 6-Traits of Writing to all of their projects and build writing skills through the processes of prewriting, organizing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. In addition to the content and skills covered in English 9A, the English 9A Honors course includes project-based instruction and increased independent reading and writing opportunities.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **None**

ENGLISH 9B HONORS

Elements of Literature

In this interactive course, students expand their vocabulary, examine literature, and create written projects. Students will study and apply the 6-Traits of Writing to all of their projects and build writing skills through the processes of prewriting, organizing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. In addition to the content and skills covered in English 9A, the English 9A Honors course includes project-based instruction and increased independent reading and writing opportunities.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **English Honors 9A**

ENGLISH 10A HONORS

Principles of English Honors

Students strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the different styles and types of writing. At the same time, they learn how to relate to and utilize the written word in their own lives while continuing their ability to analyze and evaluate a multitude of writing samples from a variety of genres.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **English 9 Honors or previous honors courses**

ENGLISH 10B HONORS

English Language Honors Essentials

English 10B Honors features the universal themes in world literature. A variety of reading selections such as the epic, persuasive narrations, and cause-and-effect essays as well as plays and poetry are evaluated using the literary elements. Students identify main topics and learn how to build reading skills. Here students also gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of other cultures.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **English 10A Honors, English 9 Honors, or previous honors courses**

HONORS - LANGUAGE ARTS

ENGLISH 11A HONORS

Composition Honors

English 11A Honors features a variety of writing exercises designed to hone students' writing skills to a more substantive level. Students create, edit, and revise compositions in exposition, narrative, argumentation, and persuasion. Language flexibility, improved sentence structure, and development of content in the writing process are emphasized.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 10 A&B Honors or previous honors courses**

ENGLISH 11B HONORS

American Literature Honors

English 11B Honors is a survey of American literature predating the Declaration of Independence and continuing to the present. Here, students gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of American culture and history as seen through the eyes of literary contributors of the past and present. Emphasis is placed on the works of major American authors and literary movements. Vocabulary, oral communication, formal communications, and research skills are also included.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **English 11A Honors or previous honors courses**

ENGLISH 12A HONORS

Advanced Composition Honors

English 12A Honors focuses on learning to write with confidence and mastery. Emphasis is placed on building language flexibility, improving sentence structure, and mastering the writing process. Students create, revise, and edit six writing projects that are designed to help them take their writing to the next level. As an Honors course, emphasis is placed on project-based instruction and increased reading and writing opportunities.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **English 11 A&B Honors or previous honors courses**

ENGLISH 12B HONORS

British Literature Honors

In English 12B Honors, students experience a survey of dynamic British literature from the ancient epic poem of Beowulf to more contemporary pieces by authors such as George Orwell and Doris Lessing. Emphasis is placed on major literary movements, British authors and classics, and the impact of historical events on literary works. In English 12B Honors, students gain a better understanding of English masterpieces as well as their own writing. As an Honors course, emphasis is placed on project-based instruction and increased reading and writing opportunities.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**
Prerequisite: **Preferably English 12A Honors or previous honors courses**

ALGEBRA 1A HONORS

Algebra Concepts and Procedures

In Algebra 1A Honors, students will review mathematic processes and begin searching for the elusive Mr. X. This course focuses on the skills needed to solve equations and perform manipulations with numbers, exponents, data sets, geometric figures, variables, equations, and inequalities. Students develop algebraic fluency including the knowledge of concepts required to understand abstraction and generalization in algebra.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Please refer to Honors Criteria.**

ALGEBRA 1B HONORS

Algebraic Concepts and Functions B

Algebra 1B Honors builds upon the algebraic concepts covered in Algebra 1A and provides a strong foundation for advanced level courses. Students review algebraic concepts and work on projects that include exponents and exponential functions, polynomials and factoring, quadratic functions, theoretical probability, and transformations. The ability to manipulate algebraic expressions is critical in geometry, which typically follows that class.

Suggested Grade Level: **9**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 1A Honors**

ALGEBRA 2A HONORS

Advanced 2nd-Year Algebra

Algebra 2A Honors is a rigorous alternative to a student's first semester of Algebra 2A, which begins the second year of algebra in the math curriculum. This course explores the world of functions and algebraic expressions and their visual representations. Students will then learn how to apply these to the real world. For students who plan to advance to college and careers that involve math such as engineering, computer technology, or science, Algebra 2A Honors provides a solid foundation for further growth.

Administrative approval will be necessary if criteria guidelines are not met.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Successful completion of Algebra 1 A&B or Algebra 1 A&B Honors with a grade of B or better.**

ALGEBRA 2B HONORS

Honors Algebraic Applications B

Algebra 2B Honors is a rigorous alternative to Algebra 2B. The course completes the studies of high school algebra and prepares students to advance to trigonometry, pre-calculus, and beyond. This course provides students with the opportunity to develop and strengthen skills in reading and evaluating algebraic expressions. Topics covered include exponential and logarithmic functions, rational and radical functions, properties, and attributes of functions, conic sections, and data analysis. It also includes an introduction to probability and trigonometry.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2A Honors**

GEOMETRY A HONORS

Honors Shapes and Relationships

Geometry is the study of the measurement of the world. What makes Geometry so interesting is the relationship of these measures to each other. An in-depth exploration of logic and reasoning leads the student to practical applications. Through discovery and predictions, students gain insight into the geometry of everyday life.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Please refer to Honors Criteria**

GEOMETRY B HONORS

Figures and Transformations

In Geometry B, the student continues the study of the relationship of shapes and angles begun in Geometry A. The course introduces proportionality, curved shapes, composite figures, and transformations. Students also work with properties of three-dimensional figures, while continuing to develop their deductive reasoning through proofs of theorems and corollaries. Through logic and exploration, students will see the practical connections of Geometry within their day-to-day living.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Successful completion of Geometry A Honors with a grade of B or better.**

BIOLOGY A HONORS

Advanced Topics in Biology, Part A

Biology, as the study of life, is rooted in the relationships of organisms to the Earth, to other species, and to each other. This course focuses on the microscopic features of life, including cell theory, energy processes, and heredity. Life has several levels of complexity, including cells, tissues, organs, and organisms, which are introduced in the course, and the link between levels is explained.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**
Prerequisite: **Prior honors courses in Science B or above.**

CHEMISTRY A HONORS

Advanced Topics in Chemistry A

On Earth, energy and matter interact mostly through chemistry. The atomic model successfully explains such reactions as the interplay of loosely-held electrons, bringing atoms together in a myriad of materials whose properties are explained by the arrangement of the electrons. This course brings order to the chemical world, allowing the student to understand chemical reactions in both qualitative and quantitative ways. Through computer simulations, videotaped experiments, and hands-on investigations, the student will experience the chemical world through his or her own eyes.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**
Prerequisite: **Algebra 2&B or concurrently taking Algebra 2B, minimum of B in Biology.**

CHEMISTRY B - HONORS

Algebra Concepts and Procedures

In Algebra 1A Honors, students will review mathematic processes and begin searching for the elusive Mr. X. This course focuses on the skills needed to solve equations and perform manipulations with numbers, exponents, data sets, geometric figures, variables, equations, and inequalities. Students develop algebraic fluency including the knowledge of concepts required to understand abstraction and generalization in algebra.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**

Prerequisite: **Algebra 2&B or concurrently taking Algebra 2B, Chemistry A Honors, minimum of B in Chemistry.**

PHYSICS A HONORS

Advanced Topics in Physics, Part I

Honors Physics A offers an in-depth look at physical properties and reactions including motion and forces, work and energy, heat, and wave properties.

Suggested Grade Level: **11 or 12**

Prerequisite: **Algebra 1 A&B, Geometry A&B (B or better)**

PHYSICS B HONORS

Advanced Topics in Physics, Part II

In-depth look at sound, light, electricity, atomic theory, and quantum mechanics.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**

Prerequisite: **English 9 A&B**

AMERICAN HISTORY A HONORS

American Foundations to the 1920s

This course covers United States history from its founding until the 1920s. Major topics include the Constitution, early European colonization attempts, the American Revolution, the first presidents, the Civil War and Reconstruction, national expansion, and the Progressive Movement. Constitutional ratification causes and effects of the Civil War and the settlement of the West are topics of special study.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**

Prerequisite: **Previous honors courses, English 9 A&B Honors**

AMERICAN HISTORY B HONORS

American History - Jazz Age to WWII

American History B begins in the 1920s Jazz Age and ends in the 21st Century. Students will examine economic factors that lead to the Great Depression and World War II. The West's involvement in the Cold War as well as the fall of the Soviet Union will be covered in detail. The final unit of the course includes a study of the environment, modern presidential foreign and domestic policies, and the Middle East.

Suggested Grade Level: **11**

Prerequisite: **American History A Honors, previous honors courses**

ECONOMICS HONORS

Principles and Practices

Economics Honors provides the student with basic knowledge of the history and philosophy of the United States economy and the economic principles that guide our democracy. Students demonstrate problem solving, and their understanding of the processes for economic reasoning, by applying economic principles to decisions they make as consumers, workers, and members of local and larger societies. This, in turn, enables the student to understand the issues and public policies that affect economic, political, and cultural systems. The course focuses on the functions and duties of the three branches of government, which are the legislative, executive, and judicial as they relate to the economy. Special attention is given to the role of the Federal Reserve System in administering the U.S. economy.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**

Prerequisite: **Honors Government**

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HONORS

Principles in Practice

American Government Honors provides the student with the basic knowledge of the history and philosophy of the United States government, and the principles that guide our democracy. The student examines the United States Constitution to answer questions and determine the facts of government. The course focuses on the functions and duties of the three branches of government, which are the legislative, executive, and judicial. Special attention is given to political participation, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and government systems of the world.

Suggested Grade Level: **12**

Prerequisite: **Previous honors courses – Requires high writing skills**

WORLD HISTORY A HONORS

Development of Civilization

In World History A Honors, students explore ancient and modern civilizations in order to understand the geographic, political, economic, and social characteristics of people and cultures. Throughout the course, students develop their understanding of the past by studying primary sources, comparing social movements, exploring ancient cultures, and examining the impact of eras such as the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, and Industrial Revolutions. Projects and class discussions challenge students to predict outcomes, draw conclusions, and make choices based upon critical thinking.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**

Prerequisite: **High writing skills – previous honors courses**

WORLD HISTORY B HONORS

Conflicts in Modern Civilization

In this course, students assess the causes, course, and outcomes of the World Wars and the Cold War. Modern warfare and its mechanisms require special attention as students examine the struggle between democratic and non-democratic ideologies throughout the world. In the final unit of the course, students explore globalization and its impact on trade and the economy.

Suggested Grade Level: **10**

Prerequisite: **World History A Honors**

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