Modern European History

2014-2015 Course Outline

*First Quarter September – November*

Unit 1: Post-Roman and Medieval Europe

Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Empires

The Role of Religion in Emerging Europe

The Rise of Islam

Life in Medieval Europe

The Church in the Middle Ages

The Crusades

The Hundred Years' War

Unit 2: Renaissance

The Black Death

Intro to the Renaissance

Humanism

Italian Renaissance Art

The Northern Renaissance

*Second Quarter November – January*

Unit 3: Reformations

Causes of the Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther

English Reformation

Spread of Protestantism

The Catholic Counter Reformation

Unit 4: Exploration Project

Europeans Begin to Explore

Atlantic Slave Trade

Basic Explorer Research

Explorer Essay Outline

Explorer Essay Rough Draft

Explorer Essay Poster

*Third Quarter January – April*

Unit 5: Absolutism

English Absolutism

Spanish Absolutism

German and Russian Absolutism

French Absolutism

Unit 6: Age of Revolutions

Revolutions in Science and Political Thought

Constitutional Government in France

The French Republic

Napoleonic France

Industrialization

Nationalism

Imperialism

*Fourth Quarter April – June*

Unit 7: WWI and The Russian Revolution

WWI Begins

WWI is Fought

The Russian Revolution

19th Century Research Paper

Basic Research

Essay Outline & Rough Draft

Essay Final Draft

Essay Poster Presentation

Unit 8: WWII & The Holocaust

Causes of WWII

WWII Begins

The Holocaust

WWII is Fought

The War Ends

Year End: Cold War Conflicts