



Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus
Humanities I: Greek to Renaissance
1220



I. Course Description

Humanities--defined as the arts of literature, painting, music, sculpture, architecture, and philosophy--will examine man's accomplishments from Mesopotamia through Greece to Rome, to the Middle Ages. Each unit will cover the social, educational, governmental, religious, and philosophic structures developed within a given time period, along with representative examples of literature, art, architecture, and music. Equipped with the answers acquired through a study of man's creative past, students will gain insight into themselves and their position in man's ever-changing world.

II. Materials & Equipment

Textbooks: The Humanities in Western Culture, World Traditions in the Humanities

Myths: Edith Hamilton's Mythology

Epic: Homer's The Odyssey

Play: Sophocles' Oedipus Rex

Various other resources, including books, magazine articles, video clips, and internet resources

III. Course Goals & Objectives

To better understand one's place in the world through a study of the art, literature, religion, and history of ancient civilizations

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Introduction<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Humanities definedB. Culture Epoch TheoryII. Prehistory<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. PaleolithicB. MesolithicC. NeolithicIII. Ancient Mesopotamia<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. SumeriansB. AkkadiansC. Neo-SumeriansD. Old BabyloniansE. AssyriansF. Chaldeans (Neo-BabyloniaG. PersiansIV. Ancient Egypt<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. GeographyB. ReligionC. MythsD. HistoryE. ArtF. Writing/LiteratureG. ArchitectureH. Mummification | <ul style="list-style-type: none">V. Ancient Greece<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. GeographyB. MythsC. Literature—<u>Odyssey</u>D. Drama—<u>Oedipus Rex</u>E. WarsF. PhilosophyVI. Ancient Rome<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Art and ArchitectureB. HistoryC. MilitaryD. LatinVII. Dark Ages<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. GeographyB. HistoryC. Religion |
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V. Assignments & Grading

Think, Read, Write, Listen, Speak

Reading, note taking

Quizzes, tests

Vocabulary

Projects, impromptus