

# **WORLD HISTORY**

**with Mrs. Kaepfel**

This course will explore the history of the world from the earliest known human civilizations through the present day, primarily from a Christian historical perspective. In doing so, we will compare and contrast a variety of historical worldviews, and we will discuss the idea of historicity, or what makes something that happens “history” (as opposed to trivia, for example). Since the course is a survey of some of the most significant people, places, cultures, and events of the past several millennia, we will, of necessity, have to focus more intently on certain areas in order to develop a comprehensive and relevant understanding of today’s world. Thus, our class will primarily, although not exclusively, examine western civilizations and those they most directly impacted. As Providence would have it, the influence of Christianity means that western civilizations have impacted, both positively and sadly, negatively, a vast number of others.

In our perusal of world history, we will employ a “spine” world history textbook (TBD) to guide us through some of the “nuts and bolts” of the names and dates of history. In addition, we will read well-written historical fiction, first-person accounts, and biographies among other relevant sources to help put historical facts into vibrant context. The students will be expected to read, analyze, write about, and discuss these works in our weekly class meetings. Research projects will further enhance the students’ abilities to demonstrate their newfound understanding of God’s marvelous working in His-story. There will be an exam at the end of each semester to assess the students’ understanding of the materials presented during the weekly classes, assigned readings, materials and projects.

The cost for the course is \$50 per month, with a \$50 supply fee per semester. Unless noted, and with the exception of the spine text, Mrs. Kaepfel will provide the assigned reading material with the semester supply fees. If these reading materials are returned, in useable condition, at the end of the semester, a partial rebate of the supply fee is available.

Should there be questions or concerns during the class, Mrs. Kaepfel is available by appointment on Fridays, at Friday School. Mrs. Kaepfel also may be contacted at [vkaepfel@gmail.com](mailto:vkaepfel@gmail.com).