For nothing is more excellent in this life than to investigate and become familiar with the course of worldly events. Where does the grandeur of valiant men shine more brightly, or the wisdom of the prudent, or the discretion of the righteous, or the moderation of the temperate, than in the context of history? (Henry of Huntingdon, *The History of the English People 1000-1154*, I.1)

**Course Description**

This course is a study of Medieval History from the collapse of the Western Roman Empire to the beginning of the Renaissance. The primary focus will be the people of this era—especially the individuals who shaped Western Civilization. However, geography, culture, government, and religion are essential to the consideration of the Medieval World. Whenever possible, students will examine primary source materials.

**Texts**

- *The Western Experience, Volume 1: To the Eighteenth Century* (9th Edition)

**Materials**

Students are expected to report to class each day with the following materials:

- A pen (black or blue ink only) – for all quizzes and tests
- A pencil (if mechanical, an adequate supply of lead is also required)
- A spiral notebook
- A pocket folder
- Your student planner
- Your textbook and any other texts or handouts we may be using

**Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated in four categories: homework, tests, quizzes, and participation.

*Homework.* Expect homework every night. Homework will typically consist of reading and taking careful notes. You will be evaluated on your reading through quizzes and your oral answers during class discussion. Notes are due the class after they are assigned and will be checked periodically. If a homework assignment is turned in one day late without an excuse (such as illness), it will be worth a maximum of 85%. Homework turned in two days late will be worth a maximum of 75%; three days late, 65%. Homework turned in four or more days late will not be accepted. The homework will be posted daily on my website.

*Tests.* We will have typically three tests per quarter in addition to the semester final exam. A review will be conducted in class the day before the exam; however, this review session cannot replace careful note-taking throughout the readings.
Quizzes. Expect two or three quizzes per week. Quizzes will not always be announced beforehand. For certain quizzes, the use of notes will be permitted. Therefore, it is in the interest of the student to take thorough notes for each reading.

Participation. You are expected to participate actively during every class. Active participation includes asking and answering questions, volunteering to outline readings, and contributing to class discussions. The participation grade will also depend on conduct in the classroom. Furthermore, a student who does not come to class with the required materials cannot participate effectively. Failure to bring the required materials to class will have a negative effect on the participation grade.

Grading Scale
Tests: 30%
Quizzes: 25%
Homework: 25%
Participation: 20%

Absences and Make-up Work
If absent, it is always the student’s responsibility to obtain the assignment. Each student is responsible for getting notes and reading assignments from fellow classmates. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, it must be turned in the day of his return unless extenuating circumstances—described in a note signed by the parent—give sufficient cause for an extension. For a missed test, the student must come prepared to take the test the day he returns to school. If absent for a long period, or there have been extenuating circumstances, it is up to the student to come to me to schedule a make-up exam.

Behavior Expectations
- You are expected to arrive on time and with the appropriate materials. The tardy policy is found in the Scottsdale Preparatory Academy Family Handbook.
- You are expected to use the restroom during your passing periods. Restroom requests should be minimal.
- You are expected to raise your hand to ask a question, to volunteer, or to ask to leave the room.
- You are expected to remain in your seat unless you ask for permission.
- At all times, you are expected to be respectful and courteous in attitude, speech, and action with your classmates and teacher.
- You are expected to keep the classroom clean and orderly.
- You are expected to do your own work and will be held to the Academy Honor Code.

Tutoring
If you need extra help, come speak to me. During office hours, students may come with questions about the readings or homework or to discuss any topic relating to the medieval world.
Please complete this form and bring it to class no later than Thursday, August 10, 2017.

I, _____________________________________, acknowledge that I have read the class syllabus and understand the expectations for this course.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________