

## **Syllabus: Omnibus VI Primary**

### **Course Description**

Omnibus VI Primary focuses on great works beginning just after the Reformation and covers significant works of modern Western culture. In addition to studies on history, theology and literature, students will be introduced to and learn to think biblically about aesthetics, anthropology (including world cultures and archaeology), law, philosophy, poetry, and political science (including politics). Students learn to read and appreciate the great books in light of the truth of Scripture. The Omnibus courses are the best way we know to engage with the great works of Western Civilization and learn to think biblically about everything. Homework will average 6 - 7 hours per week, depending on reading speed.

### **Attendance and Participation**

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

There are daily and weekly reading assignments in both the Omnibus textbook and in the primary sources read for this course. Students are responsible to keep up with the reading for every class period.

There are eight projects during the year. Homework will be uploaded fifteen times during the year, announced on the day it is due. Descriptions and due dates are given on the course page. Students will also take a midterm and final exam. Each will cover material covered in the current semester only. All assignments are due at 11:55 pm ET on the due date.

Students are not permitted to use any books or a Bible on the Grammar section, but are encouraged to use those items on the Logic and Lateral Thinking sections. Use of the Internet is forbidden on all portions of the exam. Students are also not permitted to use notes or the Omnibus textbook on any portion of the

exam. All exams should be taken in one sitting and proctored by an adult. All exams are due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown. Specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

### **Evaluation**

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Class Attendance             | 5%  |
| ● Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| ● Projects                     | 25% |
| ● Homework                     | 15% |
| ● Midterm/Final Assessment     | 40% |

### **Grading Scale**

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

### **Late Work**

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

### **Exam/Test Retakes**

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

### **Textbooks**

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/editions of these materials.

#### Omnibus VI Primary Course Kit (003534)

- Omnibus VI Text w/Teacher CD ROM\* (000960)\*
- Brave New World (255100)
- All Quiet on the Western Front (305020)
- Letter from a Birmingham Jail (305360)
- Origin and Principles of American Rev (305474)
- Wealth of Nations (305595)
- A Day in the Life of Ivan D. (341040)
- Battle Cry of Freedom (420060)
- Huckleberry Finn (435020)
- Democracy in America (435229)
- Emma (435359)\*
- Leviathan (435625)
- Moby Dick (435710)
- Notes from the Underground (435720)
- Paradise Lost (435765)
- Pensees (435766)
- Portable Enlightenment Reader (435775)
- Robinson Crusoe (435830)
- Beyond Good and Evil (490115)
- The Stranger (490805)
- Citizen Soldiers (520160)
- The Sun Also Rises (520750)

\*Indicates an item that is used in more than one year and/or in other disciplines.

### **Course Calendar**

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.