Course Outline: ACC - 20th Century World History

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Course Targets:

* Evaluate transition in Russia from autocracy to communism
* Assess types of war and the impact on militaries
* Evaluate how WWI helped reshape the organization of militaries
* Compare and contrast factors that shape wartime strategies
* Assess the effectiveness of post-war military alliances
* Evaluate ways atomic weapons reshaped military strategy in the Cold War
* Assess various Arab-Israeli conflicts during the 20th century
* Assess effects on the Gulf and Iraq wars on U.S. and the world
* Identify reasons for the failure of America’s strategy in Vietnam
* Demonstrate understanding of America’s revolving relationship with the rest of the

world with emphasis on the consequences of conflicts

Schedule:

1. Russian Revolution: autocracy to communism
2. World War I
3. Between the Wars: peace/disorder/change
4. World War II
5. The Cold War
6. Arab-Israeli Conflicts in the Middle East
7. Vietnam War
8. Today’s battle grounds

Grading: 90/80/70/60 scale is used

This course will have some lecture/notes in class with an emphasis on research of various topics. There will be an assessment at the end of each unit. Students will be expected to take notes, do research, complete handouts, discuss in groups, and participate positively in class. We will cover ‘current events’ through participation in Today Game, played about every two weeks.