



After breaking into the Legislative Assembly, protesters deface the seal of the SAR of Hong Kong on July 1st, 2019. Photograph by Vincent Yu.

Dear Students,

There is a lot going on in our world today as we head into what your grandchildren will call “The 20s.” Together, we are going to explore the very nature of history, as well as how your perspective was cultivated. As well, we will look at the various stories of various communities across the globe.

This course will be built around “Big Ideas” (Colonialism, Industrialization, Authority, Private Property Ownership, Wealth, Climatic Change, etc.), as well as events that are currently going on in the world around us. If something comes up, the plan is to do a deep dive and find out why it happened, and what “Big Ideas” it encompasses. Some things that are already on this courses radar:

- On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, **the United States of America elected Donald J. Trump as its 45th president.** His time in office continues to disrupt national and international norms – highlighting a bitter divide in the American Republic itself. Recently, documentarian Michael Moore declared that Donald Trump will be the last president of the United States. How did Trump reach the presidency? What does his election tell us about the world’s most powerful country? What will be the legacy of his time in office?
- On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the United Kingdom is set to leave the European Union – likely without any sort of agreement or plan. What impact will the UK “crashing out” of the European Union have on the rest of the world? What will be the impact of “**Brexit**” on the Irish Border? What would be the implications of The Queen getting involved (as some reports are suggesting)?

- The Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong has been paralyzed by peaceful protests focussed on what Hong Kongers see as the **erosion of democratic principles** under the rule of China. China has been massing soldiers on its “border” with Hong Kong – what does this mean? Why does Hong Kong (and neighbouring Macau) have a special relationship with the People’s Republic of China? Is the world about to witness another Tiananmen Square Massacre? How is the world preparing for China’s emergence as a global superpower?
- North America and Europe is dealing with a rise in White Nationalism – where is this coming from? IT was reported on July 24<sup>th</sup> that Hamilton had the highest rate of hate crimes in Canada for 2018 (Hamilton Spectator, CBC, Toronto Sun).
- This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of slaves in Virginia, beginning the institution of **Slavery** in America. What is the legacy of this act? (Did you know that there are slave cemeteries in Flamborough?)
- What is the future of democracy as the world increasingly moves to digital platforms, social media and surveillance systems? Do you have a right to privacy?
- What has been the impact of **Colonialism** on world history, particularly Indigenous Peoples, these past few centuries? How do western institutions and perspectives influence our world view? With interstellar mineral wealth, and water recently discovered on Mars, are we on the cusp of a new age of Imperialism?
- UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report in October 2018 that the global community has twelve years to stop the worst effects of **climate change** before they become irreversible. Debra Roberts, a co-chair of the working group on impacts, stated “This is the largest clarion bell from the science community and I hope it mobilises people and dents the mood of complacency.” How will the climate change have an economic, social and political impact on the world?
- What is Waterdown’s place in world history? What “Big Ideas” are reflected here in our own community?



Important Dates we will be watching together:

September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumnal Equinox
October 21 <sup>st</sup> (ish)	Canadian Federal Election
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	The deadline for the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union
December 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 pm	Final Research Paper <b>DUE</b>
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Winter Solstice

Our first units:

The Nature of History	The Development of the Western Perspective	Trumpism	The Haitian Revolution
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I am very excited that we are going to be experiencing this all together.

It has been said that studying history is like playing a huge game of telephone - sifting through various stories, exaggerations and factual evidence. This course will present you with all kinds of information that affects you as a Canadian.

In looking at Canada and the World we will make use of many different resources: artefacts, video, primary sources, secondary sources, archives, novels, etc. This course has been designed with many elements that you will see during your time in post-secondary education. I want you to enjoy history, and will do my best to present a positive experience. Please feel free to bring to my attention any questions or concerns you might have during the course.

Some resources to keep in mind:

**This class has its own website that can be accessed at: [www.tidridge.com](http://www.tidridge.com)**



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Click on “CHY4U” to go to the homepage, or click on “Important Handouts & Resources” for all other class resources.



This website is as important as your textbook – check here for assignment checklists, class news, links to sites of interest, and other important information.



This class will also make use of “The Hub” – please make sure you have your account up-to-date.

Wishing you success,

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