

# Sports History Syllabus

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## **Course Description**

Welcome to Sports History! This course explores the fascinating evolution of sports from ancient civilizations to the modern era. We'll examine how sports have reflected and shaped societies, cultures, and politics across different historical periods. We'll delve into significant events, influential athletes, and the social impact of various athletic endeavors, uncovering the stories behind the games we love. Get ready to discover how sports aren't just games, but powerful lenses through which to understand human history.

## **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- **Trace** the origins and development of major sports across different historical periods.
- **Analyze** the social, cultural, economic, and political impact of sports on various societies.
- **Identify** key figures, events, and innovations that have shaped sports history.
- **Evaluate** the role of sports in promoting or challenging social change, including issues of race, gender, and nationalism.
- **Develop** critical thinking skills through the analysis of historical sources related to sports.
- **Communicate** historical knowledge effectively through discussions, presentations, and written assignments.

## **Required Materials**

- Notebook or binder
- Pen/Pencil
- Access to Google Classroom (for assignments and resources)

- **Optional:** A curious mind and a passion for sports! 🤩

## Grading Policy

Your final grade will be based on the following components:

- **Participation & Discussion (20%):** Active engagement in class discussions, group activities, and respectful contributions.
- **Quizzes & Short Assignments (30%):** Regular checks for understanding on readings and topics.
- **Projects & Presentations (30%):** Individual or group research projects, visual timelines, or oral presentations.
- **Exams (20%):** Midterm and Final exams covering key concepts and historical periods.