

Hello PEP students and parents,

I am David Champagne and I will be your student's teacher for Biblical Worldview II. I serve as Associate Pastor at Sunrise Community Church overseeing worship, youth, counseling, and outreach. I am also the Adjunct Jazz Trumpet Professor at Jacksonville University (Go Dolphins!) My family and I are really looking forward to our second year in the PEP community.

I am excited to walk with you this year as we look at worldview issues and dilemmas relating to the periods of the Greco-Roman through the High Middle Ages. How can we as believers in Jesus Christ understand the great issues of the past and apply our learning to our lives today? We will drill down on this question throughout the year as we study God's Word together.

Course Overview:

Our goals for the year are as follows:

Students will:

1. Have a good understanding of and be able to define and describe a biblical worldview.
2. Analyze different ideologies and philosophies based on eight dilemmas of being human.
3. Recognize the progression of ideas that were key during the Greco-Roman period.
4. Follow the impact of thought and philosophy from the Greco-Roman into the Middle Ages and be able to discuss its causes and key ideas.

5. Recognize and be able to discuss the impact of these two movements on the culture through the arts and literature.
6. Construct, articulate, and defend their personal worldview.

This is a discussion driven course. I strive to create an environment in my classroom that is open and inviting. I want for my students to feel free to express themselves, and to allow their peers to do the same. Ephesians 4:32 tells us to “*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*” My desire is to teach biblical discussion skills in a world where respectful dialogue is becoming increasingly rare.

In order to participate well, you will need to be well prepared! Make sure to always do the reading (I recommend doing so with a highlighter in hand) and prepare all assignments before class.

For our class **you will need** : a bible, notebook paper, a binder, a pencil, a pen, a highlighter, and a great attitude:)

Summer reading : Assignments from your summer reading are due on the **first day of Q 2**. I hope you have enjoyed *Bearing God’s Name* and *Living at the Crossroads*. The corresponding assignments will take some time to complete - please plan accordingly!

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I am praying for each student and family as we begin the year. I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

In Christ,
David Champagne