

eighth grade

U.S. HISTORY

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“THOSE WHO FAIL TO LEARN FROM HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT” – SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

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Materials Needed

- 2 reg. or mechanical pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- Notebook Paper
- 1 package of colored pencils
- Pens/any color
- 1- 2 to 3 inch binder
- 1 set of dividers – one for each 6 weeks.

Grading Procedure

Tests/Projects = 35%
Daily Work/Homework = 30%
Quizzes = 15%
Projects = 20%

Holland Website

You will be able to find my teacher page on the Holland I.S.D. website. There you will be able to locate my lesson plans, syllabus, etc. and keep updated on any events happening.

This Year in Class

The goal of the 8th Grade U.S. History Course is to provide a rigorous curriculum that will enhance and develop skills and concepts in the areas of history, geography and culture, government and citizenship, as well as, economics, science, technology and society. We will strive to Meet and/or Master the S.T.A.A.R. Social Studies Test.

Grading

- My expectation is that **ALL** assignments to be completed to a level of proficiency (70% or higher) and turned in on time.
- Ten points will be subtracted from the student's final grade **every day** an assignment is not turned.
- A student who wishes to correct an assignment they failed (below 70%) can do so and they will receive a maximum grade of a 70 on that assignment.
- Parents will be contacted if a student is consistently having issues turning in assignments on time or is failing.
- The student will be given a zero on a test or assignment if they are caught cheating.
- Progress reports are sent out at the end of the 3rd week of the 6 weeks to a student who is failing.

ABSENCES

- When students are absent, it is the responsibility of the student to check for work they have missed, and to turn in any absent work within a timely manner.
- For every day absent that will be how many days the student has to do the make-up work.
- There is a tray in the classroom where all make-up work needs to be turned in.
- Students are expected to check Mrs. Downing's web page – lesson plans – to see what they missed in class.

FOLLOW THE RULES

- #1. Respect your classmates, yourself and all classroom property.
- #2. Arrive to class on time.
- #3. Be prepared with all materials for class.
- #4. Take responsibility for your learning.
- #5. Clean up after yourself.
- #6. No electronic devices unless given permission

Expectations

1. Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
2. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
3. Use restroom during passing periods.
4. Do YOUR best every day.
5. Abide by the rules and expectations of this class, including the student-created social contract.

Technology

Chromebooks will be used in history class. Students are expected to abide by all school and district digital safety rules and guidelines. Failure to do so will result in penalty points and/or the student being banned from using technology in class.

Syllabus Signatures

I, _____, as the student, have read and understand the rules and expectations for Mrs. Downing's history class. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I will abide by the rules and expectations in Mrs. Downing's class.

I, _____, as the parent/guardian have read and agree with the syllabus. I understand what is expected in Mrs. Downing's history class and what is my child's responsibility is for the class.