

Syllabus

Mrs. Groves – US History

8th Grade Social Studies is focused on United States History and Geography from Colonialism to Reconstruction in America. Students will be asked to analyze the development of our country over time through the social, political and economic factors that shaped our government and culture. There will be an emphasis on Tennessee history which pertains to the content area. Primary source text and documents will be used to enhance learning. On average students should expect about 20 minutes of homework per night, three nights per week. A large amount of group work and class participation are a basis for this course therefore attendance is imperative to success in this class.

Daily Required Materials

1. 1 inch Binder (Will be used as an Interactive Notebook)
2. Composition Notebook (Will be used for DBQ's)
3. Lined Paper
4. US History Textbook
5. Writing tool

Grading Policy

40% Test

30% Quizzes

20% Classwork

10% Homework

Grading Scale:

A = 93-100%

B = 85-92%

C = 75-84%

D = 70-74%

F = 0-69%

Any grade below a 70% is failing

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Expectations & Procedures

It is my belief that each and every student has an equal right and opportunity to learn. Students learn best in a safe, structured, and engaging classroom environment. In order to facilitate the environment in which students learn best, the following expectations and procedures will be implemented and followed.

Expectations (What you need to do to succeed in this class)

1. Keep an organized interactive notebook.
2. Turn all assignments in on time.

3. Put your best effort into everything.
4. Be Respectful to yourself and others.

Consequences

- 1.) **Warning**
- 2.) **Teacher – student conference and call home**
- 3.) **Demerit and a call home.**
- 4.) **Detention after school and parent phone call**
- 5.) **Referral to administration**

**This is a tentative sequence subject to change and includes but is not limited to all potential consequences.*

Non-Negotiables

1. Cellphones are not permitted in the classroom.
2. Backpacks are not permitted in the classroom.
3. Drinks other than water in a clear bottle are not permitted in the classroom.
4. Profanity is not permitted in the classroom.

****I follow the School Code of Conduct per the Student Handbook****

Procedures

- **Entering the classroom:** All students are expected to enter the room quietly and on time. As soon as you sit down check the day's agenda and Bell work on the board.
- **Daily opening routine:** All students are expected to complete the bell work assignment, independently in the first few minutes of class. (You are responsible for making up the bell work if you are absent.) Bell work should be kept the pocket of your binder. You must write the questions and the answer to get credit. I will collect the bell work randomly so be prepared to turn it in at any point in time!
 - If the Bell Work requires you to pick up/turn in an assignment, do so before class begins.
- **Tardiness.** To be considered on time you must be physically inside my classroom by the time the tardy bell rings. Do not ask to leave the room after entering to go to your locker and/or bathroom. Tardies will result in a Demerit.
- **Remain seated.** Take the most direct route to your assigned seat. Collect any materials you need for that class day before sitting down. You should remain seated unless you ask permission to do otherwise or are prompted by the teacher.
- **Ask questions:** I am here to help you, if you have a question ask me. My only expectation is that you first raise your hand and wait for me to call on you. Do not just yell out a question or yell out to a question.
- **Turning in Assignments.** When you turn in homework or classwork place it in the blue bin by the door when prompted by the teacher. (Do not randomly place assignments on my desk)
- **If you were absent yesterday:** If you happen to be absent, before the bell rings, go over to the make-up bin and pull the folder for your period. In the folder pull the work you missed. There will be a sheet, which is to remain in the folder, with the day's bell work, assignments and reminders. Copy the assignment written on the sheet. If any handouts were completed they will be in the folder with your name. It is your responsibility to check what you missed. Notes and assignments are also posted on Google Classroom.

- o You will have 3 days for every 1 day you were absent to make up the work. When you have completed your assignment you are to turn it into the make-up bin, in the folder labeled make-up/late work, with a filled out attached slip.
- o If you see on the assignment sheet that you missed a quiz/test. You must see me to schedule a time to make it up, It is encouraged that this takes place before/after school as to prohibit more lost class time.
- **Late work:** You can turn in late work through the same procedure as make-up work. However, late work will receive point deductions as follows:
 - o 1 day late = 50% Reduction
 - o Late work will not be accepted more than a day late
 - o Reduction is based on the grade you would have gotten had you turned the assignment in on time.
 - o (Interactive Notebooks will not be accepted as late work)
- **Testing.** Everyone deserves an equal opportunity to test in silence. When test and quizzes are administered you are to remain quiet from the moment the first test is disbursed until the last test/quiz is collected. I reserve the right to invalidate your test or deduct points if a student is non-compliant.
- **Cheating.** Cheating is a serious offense. If you are caught copying another student's work you will be given a zero.
- **Restroom use:** Per school policy students are to use the bathroom before arriving to class (during class changes, Lunch or Recess)
- **Dismissal of class:** The bell DOES NOT automatically dismiss you. It is merely a reminder for me that I should wrap up the work for today. All students are expected to wait until I dismiss the class. Also, DO NOT begin to pack up your materials until I have instructed you to do so. You will work up until the bell rings every day so there is no reason to pack up early.

Instructions for Parents:

1. Go to the following website. You can use the QR code or type in the link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/no1GUlz1BJ6j22k53>



2. Fill out the contact information form.