

Welcome to your 8th grade history class! This year you will be studying American History, from Colonization/American Revolution to the Constitutional Convention, finishing the year with Civics. We will continue to work on research and writing skills that we began last year. Throughout the year we will be learning about various events through different perspectives and how these varied points of view can help us better understand history.

Grading:

Notes and classwork: 10%
Homework: 40%
Tests/Quizzes: 20%
Time and prep: 10%
Personal goal: 20%

Notebooks/Notes: There will be a rubric that will explain how homework and notes are graded. Use this as a guide; it is a very helpful tool! I will be collecting notebooks from time to time to grade (usually after tests/quizzes).

Homework: This category includes daily homework, papers, and long-term projects. I will check homework on a daily basis and sign your work if it is complete. After tests/quizzes I will then collect your notebook and will grade your work. **You can go back and change or add to your homework answers anytime BEFORE I collect your notebooks!** Use this opportunity to earn higher marks on your homework and be better prepared for tests and quizzes.

Classwork: Throughout the year you will be doing work in small groups. Projects range from research, presentations, and hands-on activities.

Tests/Quizzes: You will be allowed to use your notebook for most of your tests and quizzes, that is why it is so important to have all of your notes in order and have your homework done. You will also be able to use your assignment notebook to answer extra-credit questions.

Time & Prep: You are expected to be on time to class. If you have an excused tardy, it is your responsibility to get a note. You also need to bring in all necessary materials to class.

Personal Goal: each quarter you will set a goal and together we will keep track of your progress.

Grades/Missing Work: You can come in any time after school to see your grade and get a list of missing work. Missing work lists will be posted in my room and outside in the hallway.

Late Work: work that is late (not due to absence) must be completed within five school days. After five days, the grade will be recorded a zero.

Absences: If you are absent and have missed homework, it is important for you to show me the work when you are done so I can sign it. You can copy notes from a fellow classmate (not from the copy machine, unless you are unable to write). Please see the student handbook for additional information concerning work missed from absences.

Things to bring to class:

- Textbook
- Notebook
- Pen/pencil
- Folder
- Assignment notebook

Check my website often for assignments, information, and helpful links!!!