

Welcome to 8th Grade American History

Ms. Sanders' Classroom Expectations

Course Overview

Grade 8 Social Studies focuses on U.S. History. Students will study the history of the United States from the early colonial period through Reconstruction. Students will use critical-thinking skills, including the identification of bias in written, oral, and visual material.

First Quarter

Unit 1- Exploration and Colonization

Unit 2- American Revolution

Second Quarter

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Unit 3- A New Government

Third Quarter

Unit 4- The Early Republic

Unit 5- Age of Jackson

Unit 6: Manifest Destiny and Sectionalism

Fourth Quarter

Unit 7- The Civil War

Unit 8- Reconstruction

Unit 9- History Connections

Classroom Tools

Planner- You will be required to have an academic planner. Each day you will write the objectives and any homework assignments on the correct day in the social studies section of your planner.

2 Pocket/Bradded Folder- We will keep these folders inside the classroom until they need to go home for quizzes or tests. Each quarter we will keep all papers organized by a Table of Contents inside the folder. The organization and upkeep of your papers will be a grade every quarter.

Grading

Formative (homework, participation, quizzes, daily work) 30%

Summative (tests, projects, essays) 70%

Absences and Make-up Work

It is your responsibility to pick up and complete make up work in a timely fashion. You should obtain your work BEFORE or AFTER class- not during instruction time.

Late Work

American History will follow the District policy on late work and absences.

Tutoring

Tutoring is a great way to keep up or catch up in class. I am readily available for tutoring and highly encourage you to utilize it. Please see the teacher web page to find specific tutorial times and check for changes as the year progresses.

Contact Information

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I look forward to a great year in American History. It is my hope that you as a student will learn to advocate for yourself and build a relationship with your teacher which will allow you to grow as a student and a person. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the course!

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