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**YEAR AT A GLANCE:
SCHEDULE & GRADES**
THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.
CHANGES MAY OCCUR.

CLASS SUPPLIES



- ➔ 1" Three-Ring Binder
- ➔ Index (5) Tab Dividers
 - Tab 1: FOCUS CHECK
 - Tab 2: NOTES
 - Tab 3: GRADES
 - Tab 4: TESTS
 - Tab 5: KEEP
- ➔ Reinforced Filler Paper OR a Notebook
- ➔ Textbook Cover

TEXTBOOK

- ➔ U.S. History: Beginnings to 1877 (Hardback & Online)

PENS, PENCILS, AND HIGHLIGHTERS (OH, MY!)

You are responsible for bringing a writing utensil with you every day.

- ➔ Pens are NOT allowed on tests!
- ➔ Highlighters will be used daily. I recommend at least 3 different colors.

QUARTER 1

- ➔ Earliest Americans
- ➔ North American Empires
- ➔ Colonial America
- ➔ Road to Revolution

QUARTER 2

- ➔ American Revolution
- ➔ Forming a Government
- ➔ Launching a Nation
- ➔ Jeffersonian Era

QUARTER 3

- ➔ A New National Identity
- ➔ The Age of Jackson
- ➔ Manifest Destiny
- ➔ Westward Expansion
- ➔ Changing Economies

QUARTER 4

- ➔ New Movements
- ➔ A Divided Nation
- ➔ Civil War & Reconstruction

GRADES & ASSIGNMENTS

CLASS NOTES

- ➔ Read and take notes on assigned textbook readings
- ➔ Answer prompts

Grade:

Ranges from 3 to 10 points

Frequency:

For each chapter

FOCUS CHECKS

- ➔ Mini-quizzes on assigned readings

Grade:

Ranges from 2 to 5 points each

Frequency:

Throughout the year

WRITING PROMPTS/DBQS

- ➔ Historical topics
- ➔ Implementation of writing process you learn in LA

Grade:

Ranges from 10 to 60 points

Frequency:

Throughout the year

PROJECTS

- ➔ Conduct research in class or library
- ➔ Present findings to class

Grade:

Ranges from 10 to 60 points

Frequency:

Throughout the year

TESTS

- ➔ Will vary in size
- ➔ Multiple choice, matching, true/false, short answer, and essay

Grade:

Ranges from 20 to 100 points

Frequency:

For each chapter



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RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

BE ON TIME!

- ➔ Two tardies = warning
- ➔ Third tardy = in trouble
- ➔ If tardy, come into class quietly, hand me a signed excuse, take your seat, and jump in to the lesson.

SEATING

- ➔ You will be issued a seat.
- ➔ Adjustments to your seat may occur at any time.

BEHAVIOR

ENTRY TO THE CLASSROOM:

- ➔ Enter calmly and respectfully.
- ➔ Go straight to your seat and get to work on your

DAILY ROUTINE:

- 1 CHECK-IN to class in the attendance binder.
- 2 Copy HOMEWORK from the board.
- 3 Complete the TASK LIST on the Aquos Board.

GRADES

GRADES ARE AVAILABLE ON POWERSCHOOL. Please check it regularly, and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade. I make mistakes, so this is your opportunity to make sure I've got everything correct! This can be done before or after class or via email.

HOMework

Notes are assigned at the start of each chapter, so you will know due dates ahead of time. It's your responsibility to complete homework - by yourself, using your own personal brain AND in your own words.

- ➔ LATE HOMEWORK will NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- ➔ LATE ASSIGNMENTS can be submitted one day late for HALF CREDIT. If the assignment is submitted two or more days late, it will earn a zero.



Respect yourself & other people.

No insults based on ethnic background, skin color, native language, gender, sexual preference, religion, body shape, or body size will be tolerated.

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE
TREATED WITH RESPECT.

DURING CLASS:

- ➔ All unused books/binders/notebooks should be on the floor or under your desk.

DISMISSAL FROM THE CLASSROOM:

- ➔ The ringing of the bell signifies the end of the period, but it does not dismiss you. Stay in your seat until I verbally dismiss you.
- ➔ Push your chair in and make sure the classroom is clean before you leave.
- ➔ Thank your teacher for the lesson.

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PLAGIARISM/CHEATING

To plagiarize is defined as taking ideas and writings of another and passing them off as your own. ALL students involved in plagiarism will be given a ZERO for the assignment.

PLAGIARISM INCLUDES...

- ➔ turning in someone else's paper AS YOUR OWN
- ➔ COPYING A FRIEND'S PAPER before class (or having another teacher catch you copying work in his/her classroom)
- ➔ failing to CITE a source
- ➔ copying an AUTHOR'S EXACT WORDS and passing them off as your own.

ABSENTEE POLICY

- 1 YES - WE DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT. It is your responsibility to check with a friend (or me) the day you return to class to find out what you missed. Check the MAKE-UP BINDER OR THE CLASS WEBSITE to find any handouts you missed.
- 2 E-SUBMISSION POLICY. You are always welcome to email me your assignments. There is no excuse to not have an assignment in on time. PRINTER AND INTERNET ISSUES ARE NOT AN EXCUSE. If technology failures happen, hand-write your assignment.
- 3 Any assignment you are absent for will be entered as a ZERO UNTIL IT IS TURNED IN.

ABSENT DAY BEFORE A TEST

YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE TEST ON THE DAY YOU RETURN if no new material was covered in class that day.

ABSENT ON TEST DAY

YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE TEST ON THE DAY YOU RETURN - during your study lab, before or after school. You may also be pulled from another class to take your test. *Exception:* Extended absences will be dealt with on an individual basis.

ABSENT ON DUE DATE

- ➔ If you are present at any time during the school day when an assignment is due, make arrangements for that assignment to be turned in that day. FIELD TRIPS, LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DISMISSALS ARE NOT EXCUSES FOR SUBMISSION OF LATE WORK. (*Exception:* Sent home by the nurse)
- ➔ If you are not present on the due date, it must be turned in the day you return to be graded without penalty.

HALL PASSES

Passes will not be granted during a lesson, activity, or test. Only one person is allowed out at a time. Fill out your passport and I will sign off. You must also sign out of the classroom. Restroom privileges will only be given in emergency situations. Go between classes.

DISCIPLINE

I encourage and expect SELF-DISCIPLINE in my classroom.

- ➔ This is practiced by you. You know what's right and wrong. You are responsible for your behavior.

If you are unable to practice self-discipline, I WILL STEP IN.

- ➔ I will deal directly with you instead of calling your parents.
- ➔ However, if you cannot take ownership of your behavior, I will notify them of the issue... and no one wants that.

EXTRA HELP

Help will always be given to those who ask for it. Arrangements can be made before school or during study lab. Tutoring is available after school.

LIFE HAPPENS

Our middle school has high expectations of work, behavior, and character. Let's face it...everyone has a bad day every once in a while. If you are having issues at school or at home, have a huge exam coming up for science, or realize you need more time to complete your absolute best work for any other reason, e-mail me to request a GRUMPY PASS EXTENSION. You have one grumpy pass opportunity. YOU MUST COME TALK TO ME OR EMAIL ME THE DAY BEFORE FOR THE EXTENSION TO BE GRANTED. You cannot come in 5 minutes before class without your assignment and expect an extension.

FUN

We will have the maximum amount of fun allowable by law. Please bring your sense of humor to class!