**Welcome to 8th Grade US History**

Welcome to United States History. We are looking forward to a great year and having fun learning; however, there are a few procedures and guidelines you need to know so that this year will run smoothly for you. Please read these carefully and keep them to review during the year.

**DAILY PROCEDURES**

1. Bring the following to class: history book, spiral bound composition book or notebook paper, a blue or black pen, a red pen, highlighter, and colored pencils to class.

2. Be in your assigned desk when bell rings and class will begin.

3. Put homework or projects on your desk, ready to be collected or graded.

4. Use a pencil or blue/black to take test and to complete assignments.

5. After the lesson, copy assignments in your planner.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Come to class prepared. You will not be permitted to go to your locker or the restroom after

 class begins.

2. You will be considered late for class if you are not in the room when the bell rings.

 You will receive a demerit for being late.

3. Be courteous to others in speech and in action.

4. Raise your hand to communicate.

5. Keep the aisle clear of books, notebooks, and etc.

6. Use time wisely.

**GRADING SCALE**

Quizzes and tests will be weighted as the following:

Quizzes - 25%

Tests - 75%

**DAILY OUTLINES**

The students are required to take notes. All information for tests will come from the notes and review sheets. The students should keep all notes for the current chapter until the chapter test is taken.

**READING**

The students will be assigned reading from the textbook once or twice a week. If the students work diligently, they should complete the reading in class. They will be given one or two questions over the reading that will occasionally count as a pop quiz grade.

**ACTIVITY PROJECTS**

These assignments must be completed by the due date. These activities will be graded and recorded as a quiz grade. A letter grade will be deducted each day that the project is late. Ample time will be given in class to complete these assignments.

**STUDY GUIDES**

Terms will be given at the beginning of each chapter. Each student will need to make a study guide using those terms. The students will make their own study guide. These are a few types of study guides students have used in the past: making flash cards, writing terms and definitions on paper, or using Quizlet. If the student uses Quizlet, they will need to log into their account to verify that they completed the study guide themselves, or they can choose to print their terms, but their username should be visible at the top of their study guide.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

Each student will complete a current event each quarter and must be completed by the due date. These activities will be graded and recorded as a quiz grade. A letter grade will be deducted each day that the project is late. Ample time will be given in class to complete these assignments.

ABSENCES

If you miss this class period or a day of school, it is your responsibility to get and complete missed lessons and homework. For an unexcused absence, make arrangements beforehand to avoid penalty – any tests or quizzes missed for an unexcused reason will result in a lost letter grade per day. If you miss class for an excused reason, you will be afforded the same number of days as you missed to make up tests or quizzes.

**SUPPLIES**

Each student will need to bring their history book, spiral bound composition book or notebook paper, a blue or black pen, a red pen, highlighter, and colored pencils to class. I recommend a spiral bound notebook for their notes. The students may use notebook paper, but notebook paper tends to get lost unless it is put back in the student’s binder.