



Rogers Middle School

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7th US History & Civics

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Course Objective :



Students will study the history of the United States from Pre-Colombian era up through the Constitution, Civics and Civil Rights in the United States. Students can expect to engage in regular rigorous writing assignments relating to the above topics, projects based on key points throughout the year, note taking and classroom discussion surrounding the key points. Textbooks will not be issued to students; which means that good note-taking habits are necessary for completing your homework and studying for exams.

Classroom Rules & Consequences

Classroom Rules:

1. Behave Like Ladies and Gentlemen
2. We Will Be Nice to Each Other
3. _____ (Unwritten Rule, what Mr. D Asks of you, you do.)

Rewards

- Free time
- Replace a quiz grade
- Free Homework Pass

- Consequences:**
- Verbal Warning
 - Lunch D-hall and phone call home
 - (2) Lunch D-halls and phone call home
 - After school d-hall and phone call home
 - Phone Call or conference with parent or guardian
 - **Subsequent offenses: A discipline referral is completed and forwarded to the office, at which time further consequences will be determined if needed.**

Grading

- Grading Policy:**
- 60 % - Class Work, Quizzes, Class Participation
 - 40% Projects, Exams

Grading Criteria:

100 %-90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69% - 60%	D
Below 60 %	F

- Textbook :**
- Prentice Hall – Civics “Government and Economics in Action”
 - Holt McDougal – United States History “Beginnings to 1877”

- Materials:**
- You will need to bring the following materials to class every day.
- #2 Pencils or Pens (black or blue ink)
 - Chromebook

Class Procedures

- Classwork:**
- Any class work not completed in class must be completed as homework and turn by time I grade work (assignments graded weekly.)

- Late Work**
- Each school day the assignment is late there is a 10% point deduction up to the 5th day then the student will receive a 20%. When Student turns in Late Work, He/She MUST EMAIL TEACHER AND PARENT or it WILL NOT BE GRADED.

- Quizzes:** Quizzes will be both announced and unannounced. If you are absent for a quiz, it is your responsibility to make up the quiz before school or after school and arrange transport home. Quizzes must be made up before a test is given over the material otherwise, a zero will be recorded for that quiz.
- Testing Policy:** There will be 2 or 3 tests during the 9 weeks. Corrections can be offered after each test based on the discretion of Mr. D. Any kind of cheating during the test will be graded 0 (zero) and I will notify administrator and your parents. Students are not allowed to talk during the testing time. If you finish your test, put your test face down and stay quiet and wait for the next assignment.
- Projects** There will be at least one project every Chapter from Text. The project will count for 25 % of your grade.
- There will also be 2 Larger Projects, one each semester, 1 will be a semester long project, Mr. D. Will provide more information when it is time for that.
- Participation** Participation: is based on positive contributions to classroom activities. This includes appropriate questions, comments, participation in class discussion and assignments. Students may lose participation credit because of disruptive behavior, tardiness, inattentiveness, dismissal from class, incomplete assignments, and other negative behaviors.
- Notebook** Students will keep their materials organized and available for later reference. **All** students are **required** to keep homework assignments, graded papers, handouts, maps, class notes, and other materials in their Interactive Online Journals. Students journals will be graded once a week; those assignments that will be graded will be noted on our daily slides with each weeks agenda and Objectives for the day.
You must keep your information up to date to receive full credit.
- The Syllabus and classroom rules should be the first items in your warmup area (copy will be provided through Google Classrooms and online.)
- Absences** When a student returns from being absent he/she needs to check Google Classrooms for any handouts and assignments. The student can get notes from his or her friends or see me after school.

Make-up Work

Students will have the number of days you missed to turn in the late work. Example: If you the student was absent on a Tuesday and returns on a Wednesday they have until Thursday to turn the assignment in for full credit.

Need Help???

I am available for tutoring before school on Tuesday and Thursday. The schedule is posted by my classroom door. Please take advantage of any help that is offered. It is important that you spend the time you need to be successful.

Cheating

CHEATING will not be tolerated. Students must complete their own work. **CHEATING** is considered copying assignments, sharing information about exams, communication during exams and quizzes or wandering eyes. If student is caught cheating then he/she will have to copy the chapter that we are discussing in class. **PLAGIARISM is defined as a piece of writing that has been copied from someone else including printed material and online sources and is presented as being your own work. It will not be tolerated and a grade of ZERO will be given on the assignment.**

HELPFUL HINTS

READ! Reading assignments are not optional. In History, they are essential to understanding the context of what we are studying. Skimming the material to complete assignments is not the same as reading, and does not provide the conceptual and factual understanding necessary to academic success. All students can comprehend assigned reading; therefore we do not spend class time simply "going over" assigned reading.

- **REVIEW CLASS NOTES DAILY:** Fill in any gaps in your notes where the information is not clear. (Yes, lecture material will also be on every exam.) Come to see me if you are unable to complete your notes or homework assignment. It usually only takes a few moments to answer your questions.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER REPORTING PERIOD TO WORRY ABOUT GRADES.** The time to be concerned about your grade is right now.

There are **TWO (2)** things you need to do to be **SUCCESSFUL** in my class. First, is to follow the posted rules. Secondly, put effort into everything you do.

“Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?”
- Cesar Chavez

Note!!!!

Teacher reserves the right to make changes to classroom rules and procedure at any time.