

8th Grade U.S. History
Team North Stars
Mrs. Jones

Hello and welcome to Team North Stars, I'm Mrs. Jones and I will be your history teacher this year! We have a lot of interesting topics to study this year and in order to stay on track and be engaged, I have a few things that need to be discussed. The following is an outline of some expectations we will follow for class (both virtual or in person).

Materials Needed for Class:

1. Chromebook
2. 3 ring binder (2 or 3 inches)
3. Spiral notebook or loose leaf paper
4. 3-prong 2-pocket folder
5. Pens and Pencils

Daily Procedures:

Regardless of how you will be attending class (virtually or in person) we will follow the same structure for class every day. If there is a change, you will be made aware of this immediately. Our routine will look along the lines of:

1. Homework for the week (only on Mondays - check the team webpage)
2. Warm Up Activity - a quick 3-5 minute activity to get your brain ready for the days lesson
3. Class Activity - this will cover the topic of the day (videos, primary sources, worksheets etc)
4. Exit Activity - a 3-5 minute activity to wrap up the days lesson

Grading Policies:

The following are my rules and policies relating to your grade. I **DO NOT** give you a grade in social studies, you will **EARN** it based on your homework, projects, test, and quiz scores, and class participation! I will grade on a total points basis. Each assignment will have a point value assigned and your grade will be calculated based on the total number of points you have earned out of the total number of points given.

<u>Example:</u>		<u>Tests/Quizzes:</u>	
<u>Daily class activities</u>		Total earned: 286	Total points in category: 300
Total earned: 136	Total points in category: 140	286/300	
140/150		<u>Class Participation:</u>	
<u>Homework:</u>		Total earned: 200	Total points in category: 200
Total earned: 120	Total points in category: 140	200/200	
120/150		Total Points:	
		746/800	
		Grade: 93%	

Due Dates:

All due dates will be clearly labeled on all assignments (classwork/homework), as well as our team North Stars webpage. **Assignments will always be due the day after they are assigned** (unless otherwise stated). It is your responsibility to turn

in assignments on time, late assignments will be taken for half credit. Assignments that are not turned in after 7 days will be a zero. If you have any concerns please contact me immediately.

Attendance/Academic Labs:

See Google Classroom

Student Expectations:

1. **Be RESPONSIBLE** for your own learning.
 - a. Be prepared. Have all materials with you when you come to class. This includes your chromebook, fully charged each day!
 - b. Be a positive, active participant in class.
 - c. Complete homework, including reading assignments within suggested or required time frames.
 - d. Study regularly in small amounts rather than just the night before tests or quizzes.
 - e. Ask for help.
 - f. Do your own work. Cheating will result in a zero.
 - g. Be in your seat when the bell rings.

2. **Be RESPECTFUL** of others and their things.
 - a. Listen while someone else is talking.
 - b. No put downs – We are a team!
 - c. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
 - d. Leave the classroom as it was when you arrived.
 - e. Food belongs in the cafeteria, not our classroom!

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**This year has its unique challenges that may cause this document to change forms, any changes to policies will be clearly explained as soon as the issue arises. I look forward to a great 2020-2021 school year!