

**MR. WAGENBERG
HONORS HISTORY (HUSH)**

EXPECTATIONS

This information is given to you in order that:

1. you will know what is expected of you.
2. you will have freedom to learn within an atmosphere of order.

CLASSROOM COURTESY

1. Words and deeds should not interfere with individual or classroom attention to the lesson. Whispering must not disturb others. The room is to be quiet when classwork starts and when another student is speaking.
2. **Food is not permitted in class; gum is not permitted.** No drink containers are allowed except for water.
3. Electronic devices (phones, tablets, notebook computers, etc) may NOT be used in the classroom except with explicit permission. When this is violated, the device must be surrendered immediately.
4. You are expected to follow classroom directions and instructions.
5. All school policies regarding attendance and behavior will be enforced

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

1. Be prompt for class: If you should be detained for any reason, bring to class a note with time and teacher's signature; without a signed planner or note you will marked TARDY UNEXCUSED.
2. You will not be permitted to leave the classroom without your planner with the following information: name, where you are going, time leaving, and teacher's signature. It is **your** responsibility to accomplish this.
3. If you are asked, you **must** come in for a conference unless you make special arrangements with me.
4. Assignments due the day of an absence are automatically due the day you return unless arrangements have been made in advance. If absent on day of test, you must make an appointment the day you return to make up missed test. At the end of one week, if the test has not been taken, the grade will be zero. Exceptions may be made in special cases. See the Homework Policy for more details.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR HISTORY

1. Pen, notebook, and books, if required, are to be with you each period.
2. Homework is to be done on time unless special arrangements are made (refer to the Homework Policy)
3. When assignments are not graded on a points possible basis, I may enter in my grade book the following for homework/classwork:

✓+ good ✓ satisfactory ✓- poor

Remember, your notebooks and homework are tools to aid you in understanding your subject matter. They are MEANINGLESS if copied without thought UNLESS they are reflected positively in your daily oral, quiz, and test work.

4. Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Tests will be objective and/or essay. Write all essay tests in BLUE OR BLACK INK. Essay tests written in pencil will not be marked until they are recopied in ink. (Quizzes can be expected periodically.) Some assignments will include require submission to Turnitin.com. If the work is not submitted, you will receive **NO CREDIT** for that assignment.
5. Marks received in history will be based on all facets of class activity and will reflect each pupil's work, progress, and achievement. For each quarter, tests and quizzes will be approximately 25%, projects 15%, participation 12.5%, classwork/homework 20%, outside reading 15%, and current events 12.5%.
6. Plagiarism - taking anyone else's work as your own - is a serious problem. It is theft. You will be required to enroll in Turnitin.com and submit work there. Plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment, and parents and guidance counselor will be informed.

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GENERAL COURSE APPROACH IN HISTORY

1. Questions, written or oral, are the essence of the study of history. Use these questions as a guide to help you discover the basic concept and facts of the units of U.S. History.
2. You need not be bound to your textbook. Other history sources are available to you in the library. Do not depend on Wikipedia, Quizlet, or other on-line references/study guides. ***Plagiarism is always plagiarism.***
3. The teacher's job is primarily one of planning, explaining, questioning, adding information helping you to relate facts to general understanding, urging you to document and illustrate your statements, and finally evaluating.
4. Besides a knowledge of important facts and concepts in United States History, you should gain or perfect the skills of the following:
 - A. locating and reading information (noting the different selection and interpretation of facts.)
 - B. note-taking on reading and classroom material.
 - C. outlining (organizing).
 - D. relating facts to concepts.
 - E. illustrating and documenting statements (proving on the basis of reliable printed material).
5. Unit tests and quizzes will be collected and filed for the semester, as well as other materials.
6. Make-up tests can be different from scheduled tests.
7. There will be some opportunity for students to explore their own interests in special projects which are a required part of the course. They can be presented in oral or written as agreed upon between teacher and student.
8. There will be a mid-term and final examination that will count as a fifth grade.