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Course Guidelines

Mr. Wisotsky

Homework

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Evaluation will consist of homework collection, pop quizzes, in class homework check, and class motivational activities and discussions. Periodically, I will also collect homework via email or the online forum. Completion of homework is required and makeup work will not be accepted.

Homework, papers, and projects are required to be typed unless it is a "fill in the blank" style worksheet where you enter your answer directly on the sheet. Many computers are available for student use in the school, as well as neighborhood public libraries. Handwritten work will not be penalized solely for poor penmanship, however if I can't read it, I can't grade it! Please make every effort to type your homework.

In addition to any homework assigned in class, students are expected to continuously review the work we have done and should *always* be prepared for a quiz and discussion the following day. Homework assignments, handouts, and announcements will often be given on my website: <http://www.W-Train.com>. Students will be expected to check the website once a day to stay informed about class happenings. In order to accommodate the students who can only check the website early in the evening or experience connection problems, any assignment posted on the website after 5:30pm will not be due until 2 days later. This will give the student plenty of time to either ask other students, check the website at the many computers in the school, or as me directly in class the day before it is due.

Attendance and Lateness

Daily attendance is required. Any absence must be backed up in writing with an explanation from a parent or guardian. Any work missed is the responsibility of the student. Students will exchange email addresses and phone numbers with *at least* two other classmates for this purpose. Any homework, quiz, exam, or graded class work missed may not be made up without a valid written excuse.

Lateness will not be tolerated. I will periodically give "Lateness Quizzes" at the beginning of the class. These are short quizzes that are given orally at the bell. Those who are late cannot make up the quiz. These quizzes will only be given if there is a consistent problem with lateness. If homework is collected at the beginning of the period, anyone arriving late without a valid excuse will not be permitted to hand in the assignment.

Note for both attendance and lateness: Extracurricular activities are extra, I am curricular! Absence or lateness due to extracurricular activities (Sing!, Sports, clubs/pubs etc.) will not be considered as excused. Certain circumstances may allow for these to be excused, but this MUST be arranged with me PRIOR to the absence or lateness. As with any absence, (excused or unexcused) it is the responsibility of the student to find out what they missed in class and any homework assigned.

Participation Requirements and Theory

Students are expected to actively participate in class each day. Without critically analyzing the topics discussed in an active forum, the students will not reap the full benefits of my instruction. The study of Social Studies is not merely memorizing dates and events that happened in the past, it is analyzing the people involved and why they made the decisions to make these events happen, as well as the study of the

relation between Man and his environment

Students in my class are Junior Economists and will learn to analyze documents, course content, and outside research to become productive citizens in the future. From their studies they are not only expected to master the curriculum as taught and mandated, but from this, they will be expected to draw their own conclusions as well. I also strongly emphasize cause and effect relationships throughout time. Students will often be asked to compare, contrast and apply the course concepts to other time periods, other countries, as well as their own lives in today's world.

Materials needed:

Each day, students should be equipped with the following materials:

A 3-ring binder filled with 8.5" x 11" lined paper. I will not accept any work done on any other size paper. All handwritten work must be done with blue or black ink. (As stated above, homework and papers must be typed)

A pencil for multiple choice Scantron exams and quizzes

Exams

There will be a minimum of 2 exams per marking period. Exams consist of any combination of multiple choice, vocabulary, short answer, short essay, thematic essay, and document based essay questions. To encourage quality note taking, I may give one open notes exam. There will also be major projects assigned in lieu of a full in-class examination. Students should expect to participate in alternate assessment activities, both individually and in groups.

Assessment

The term is divided into three marking periods. The first marking period I will use a letter grade based on a numerical average. The second and third marking periods I will use the numerical average on the report card representing the averaged for that marking period. There will be a final exam and a term project during the third marking period. These will be factored in separately from the marking period grades. Both of these evaluations involve material covered during the entire term and are major undertakings for the student, therefore it is only fair for these to carry significant weight and for them to be graded outside of the marking period grades.

Students who are caught cheating in any way, shape, or form will automatically receive a grade of 0 for that assignment and will be subject to disciplinary action by the school.

The grading structure for each marking period is as follows:

Exams	60%
Homework & Quizzes	20%
Participation & Class work	20%

The grading structure for the term is as follows:

1 st marking period	25% (numerical equivalent of the letter grade on the report card)
2 nd marking period	25%
3 rd marking period	25%
Term Project	15%
Final Exam	10%

Please sign and hand in tomorrow- you must also make a copy for yourself and keep it in your notebook as the first page of your Social Studies section

Student Name (Printed) _____ ID _____

Student Signature _____

Parent's names _____

Parent's Phone (day) _____ Parent's Phone (evening) _____