

Welcome to Mr. Longo's 8th Grade History Class.

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“To persevere in one’s duty and be silent, is the best answer.” -George Washington

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope you are excited about it as I am. This year we will be learning about American history beginning in the 1840’s and ending in the present. We will study women’s rights, slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, the founding of the west, the Gilded Age, the Spanish-American War, the Great War, the Roaring 20’s, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, rock n’ roll, the Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam and so much more. It’s exciting stuff!

Grading Procedure: Your semester averages will be based upon the following:

- 1) Tests/Papers/Projects (50%)
- 2) Quizzes (30%)
- 3) Homework/classwork and overall participation/effort (20%)

Please note: There are four semesters that weigh 22.5% each and a final exam that weighs 10% for a total of 100% for one’s average for the school year.

Homework: Typically I grade written work on a check-plus (100%), check (75%), check-minus (50%) and zero (0%) system. I may have to adjust this from time to time, though this is rare. Homework will sometimes be reading and not writing. When it is in writing, I request a paper copy unless otherwise specified.

Materials: A notebook of virtually any kind will work as long as it is neat/organized. I recommend a folder for handouts as well. Always bring a pen or pencil to class. Once issued, bring your chrome book as well.

Simple Classroom Rules:

1. Be to class on time all of the time.
2. Be prepared for each and every class.
3. If you have been absent, find out what you missed and what work might be owed.
4. Raise your hand to ask a question or to speak aloud.
5. Respect your neighbor.
6. Respect your teacher(s). Let the teacher(s) teach.
7. Respect the school's property.
8. Do not bring food to class unless you have an underlying medical condition. You may bring water. Do not bring beverages other than water.
9. Do bring an open mind, a good attitude and a pleasant smile.
10. Enjoy history. Love it, even. It is the one and only subject that encompasses all of the other subjects. Wow!

Google Classroom: There are going to be times this year when we will be using Google Classroom, especially as a communications device. It is important that you get onto the roster for your particular Social Studies class. The class codes are as follows:

Period 3 - **7ttuwny**

Period 5 - **nwxoftc**

Period 6 - **keeskxl**

Period 8 - **triv36p**

Period 9 - **xmeuteg**

WE ARE CORNWALL STRONG. LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER!

Please [parents/guardians] sign the line below to acknowledge that you have read the above information. I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year.
