8th Grade History stabilel@cajonvalley.net

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Class Syllabus

Welcome to 8th Grade History! 8th grade history, based on the California standards, begins with the founding of our country and leads up through the Civil War. This is going to be a fun and exciting year in history. History cannot be understood without having experienced it. That is why this year we are going to be *experiencing* history! There will be many opportunities for you to understand what our country is founded on. I welcome each and every one of you into my class! I am looking forward to a great year.

In this syllabus you will find information for my class for the entire year. Please refer to this syllabus if you have any questions on the following:

* Our textbook
* Assignments/Grades
* Test policy
* Notebooks
* Late/Make-up work
* School planner
* Suggested supplies
* Bathroom Passes
* Classroom expectations and consequences

**Our textbook**

 *History Alive! The United States through Industrialism*

Each student will have a textbook that is assigned to them and may be checked out at any time. We will primarily use these textbooks in class.

**Assignments/Grades**

Your grade is earned by completing all assignments. You will be required to complete some work at home, as well as in class work. Your assignments are the following:

20% - Homework

30% - Classwork

25% - Projects

25% - Tests/Quizzes

Grading Scale

 A Excellent– 90-100% D Below Average– 60-69%

B Good– 80-89% F Failing– 59% and below

 C Average– 70-79%

You will be given a progress report every 3-4 weeks to be signed by a parent. Also, grades are updated regularly and posted in the classroom.

**Test Policy**

Students who receive an unsatisfactory grade on a test or quiz will have the opportunity to retake the test. This will be done by rewriting the question with the correct answer in a complete sentence on a separate piece of paper. The corrections and test will need to be turned in within one week of the test being handed back to count for a new grade. With the corrections, the student can earn back half of the points that they lost on the test.

**Notebooks**

Each student will be given a spiral notebook to use for this class. It is your responsibility to take good care of this notebook and to *bring it to class every day.* If the notebook is lost or misplaced, it is up to the student to provide a new one. These notebooks will be used to take notes in, draw graphic organizers, review vocabulary, and help review for tests. The notebooks will be collected often for completion and recorded as part of the classwork grade.

**Late/Make-up Work**

Make-up work is your responsibility! At the back of the classroom you will find 5 trays, labeled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Any information from the day(s) missed will be in that tray, including notes, worksheets, and other handouts. Please look in these trays before asking me what you missed! Tests will need to be made up in a timely manner. Please ask me when you return if you missed a test.

**Cajon Valley School Planner**

*You are required to bring your planner with you to class every day, no exceptions!* If you lose or misplace your planner, you need to purchase a replacement one from the office. Bringing your planner to class everyday is how you will stay organized. You will write what we are doing in class that day plus any homework assignments that you have for that day. Planner checks will be often and will count towards your classwork grade.

**Suggested Supplies**

I strongly encourage every student to have their own supplies. Below is a list of suggested supplies that will be needed in my class.

Colored pencils Highlighter

Glue stick Scissors

#2 pencils Eraser

Black fine-tip marker (No Sharpies!)

Optional:

Pen (blue or black)

Crayons or markers

**Bathroom Passes**

You will be given five bathroom passes each trimester (12 weeks). You may use any of the five passes in your team UCLA classrooms (Stabile, Harris, Luchens, Clark). These passes are to be used to go to the restroom only! Once you have used all five passes, then you have to wait until the next trimester to receive new passes. If you have passes left at the end of the trimester, you can turn them in for extra credit. Please bring these passes with you to class each day. If you don’t have a pass present, then you may not leave the classroom!

**Tutoring**

Tutoring will be available by appointment at lunch or after school. Please see me if you need help and we can arrange a time to meet. You will need a pass to come to my room either at lunch or after school.

**Classroom Expectations and Consequences**

All of these expectations are required to be followed at all times, no exceptions. Any expectations not followed will result in consequences listed below!

 *Code of Conduct*

Teachers have the right and responsibility to teach and students have the right and responsibility to learn. The following code of conduct is expected from all students.

Respect everyone on campus.

Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

Take responsibility for your actions and words.

Respect all property on campus.

Be on time with materials ready.

No food or gum in class.

*Consequences*

The following are consequences that can be used when the code of conduct is not followed:

Teacher intervention

Time away

Lunch/after school detention

Parent contact

Conference with student and/or parents

Referral to the Assistant Principal

*Rewards*

The rewards will be granted for students who follow the code of conduct on regular basis.

Cougar Cards Extracurricular activities

Cougar Way Recognition Citizen/Scholar of the Month

Class raffles Academic Recognition Activities

I have read and understand everything in this syllabus. I know that if I have any questions, I may come to Mrs. Stabile at any time.

Student Name: Period:

Student Signature: Date:

Parent Name:

Contact phone number:

Parent e-mail:

Parent Signature: Date: