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Welcome to Junior High Social Studies!

I would like you to be aware of the following information regarding some basic expectations for my Junior High Social Studies classes:

Needed Materials: (Students are expected to be prepared with the following)

- Reading Material:
 - Textbook: *World History – Great Civilizations – IT MUST BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES!!! (6th Grade)*
 - Illinois & U.S. Constitution Guides when we are covering this subject (*7th Grade*)
 - Chapter Reading (*7th & 8th Grade*)
- Vocabulary/Identification Sheets (*7th & 8th Grade*)
Vocabulary Packet (*6th Grade*)
- Spiral Notebook – at least 70 pages (*7th & 8th Grade*)
- Something to write with – either pen (blue or black ink only) or pencil
- Highlighter – to highlight the Constitution guide, notes or reading packets
- Colored pencils when assigned

Homework:

The majority of all Social Studies homework will consist of reading assigned pages from the textbook or related materials. In order to be prepared for class, students must be familiar with the material being discussed. **THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS IS TO READ!!!** Reading assigned, will most likely consist of less than fifteen pages and should not take up more than 30 minutes. Homework other than reading is to be expected on an “as assigned” basis.

Tests:

Students will be tested at the end of most chapters or sections of their textbooks. Test questions can vary from multiple choice, true-false, matching, short answer, and possibly an essay. A review will usually take place the day or class session before a test. It is strongly recommended to prepare (study) for these tests for **at least** 30 minutes the night before.

Any failing grade on a test or quiz MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT and returned the following class day. Failure to do this will result in an unprepared violation.

Vocabulary/ Worksheets/Crossword Puzzles:

A Vocabulary/Identification listing for all the chapters/sections covered will be provided. Students will be responsible for completing these listings on the assigned date for each chapter (NO make-ups for Vocab/Ident.). Some worksheets will review material covered in class or serve as supplementary material. These worksheets/crossword puzzles **must be completed on time**. Any work not turned in on time will result in an **automatic 10% deduction**. Missing work may result in an S.O.S. assignment. Chronically missing work will be recorded in the grade book as a zero. Recording a zero in your average can have a devastating effect on your grade.

Discipline:

I do not expect problems in my classroom, however, should problems arise, students will be dealt with on an individual basis. Generally, verbal warnings suffice in most instances. As you may already know, serious problems will result in a Student Referral and removal from the classroom. In most instances, Classroom Referrals will be the result of:

- **Failure to take responsibility**
- Repeated inappropriate behavior

For Classroom Referrals, my policy has been a warning for the first Classroom Referral with time after school in detention for repeated Referrals. Should there be repeated offenses, a Student Referral will result. You will be contacted in the event of these instances.

Please understand that the Junior High Policies will be applicable in my Social Studies classes.

Contact:

Please do not hesitate to call me at **458-1152 ex 208**. Feel free to leave me a voice mail and I will be in touch with you as soon as possible. You can also check the virtual classroom (via Google Classroom) which is updated daily for social studies assignments, test dates, etc. I also have a website for students and parents at www.danforthnews.com. Please check out the site with your child. You can also reach me at the following email addresses:

- mdanforth@sahs.k12.il.us
- mrdan4th@hotmail.com

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DETATCH THIS SHEET & TURN IN TO MR. DANFORTH

Online Zoom:

Should remote learning be necessary, students are expected to be in attendance just as they would in school. They **MUST BE:**

- On time
- Prepared & ready to learn
- Visible on screen
- Actively participating in class – respond when called upon – act appropriately

Google Classroom:

Many assignments will be done using Google Classroom. I strongly urge parents to stay updated on what their children are doing using this as well as www.danforthnews.com.

Please make sure that both student and parent have read the Junior High Social Studies Policy. I would very much like to make sure that we have a good year and it is important that everyone involved understands how my class is run. Students will receive a more comprehensive explanation in their introduction packets. As stated in the “Contact” section of this policy, I strongly encourage parents to let me know if there are any questions at anytime.

Let's Have a Great Year,



Mr. Danforth

Please return this sheet with signatures below:



Class – (circle correct): **6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B**

Student (**Print Name**): _____

Date: _____

I have read and understand the 2023-2024 Junior High Social Studies policy.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

★ **PARENTS:** If you have an **email address** that you would like me to use to communicate more effectively, please print that address out on the line below. Thank you!

★ _____ ★
Parent email address