

Mrs. Fennell
8th Grade Social Studies
2019 – 2020 Classroom Policies

Be Prepared Daily: Come to class each day with the following:

- Fully charged Chromebook
- Ear buds
- Completed daily homework assignments
- Pencils/blue or black pens
- Assignment notebook
- Spiral and folder

Be Organized:

- Head papers with first and last name, class period, and date.
- Keep all assignments in a homework folder.
- Write down all assignments in your assignment notebook daily.
- Check Mrs. Fennell's website / Google Classroom regularly

Be Committed:

- Ask questions
- Listen carefully
- Work hard...keep trying!
- Follow directions
- Participate
- Take pride in your work. Make sure it is neat, complete, and on time.

Be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe:

- Follow all school rules.
- Respect yourself, others, and all classroom materials.
- Be in your seat and ready to work when class begins.
- Listen when others speak.
- Remain quiet during all announcements.
- Submit all assignments on time. Late work will not receive full credit.
- Use only blue or black ink (or pencil) on assignments.
- Make up missed work promptly. **You are responsible for requesting all materials you missed due to an absence: notes, homework assignments, quizzes, and tests.**

Social Studies: Social Studies is in large part project based inquiry. Students will be expected to work cooperatively in a group setting and fulfill their individual responsibilities. Social Studies will require a significant amount of research - both in and out of school. Failure to complete individual components of group projects will impact the individual student only.

We will focus on American history from the Post-Reconstruction Era (1870's) through the present day. Immigration will jump start our year, and we will refer frequently to that framework in order to understand the events that have shaped our country. Students will also be receiving a current event assignment that will typically be due once a month. The criteria for these current event assignments will be provided in class and will also be available on my website.

Grading Policy:

- **Formative assessments** (used to conduct in-process evaluations of student comprehension, learning, needs, and academic progress during a lesson or unit) account for **20%** of the grade.
- **Summative assessments** (used to evaluate student learning, skill acquisition, and academic achievement at the conclusion of a lesson or unit) account for **80%** of the grade.
- Please take advantage of checking your grades online.

Make-Up Policy:

- Assignments are posted on the front whiteboard in class and on Mrs. Fennell's website.
- If you are absent, ***you are responsible for asking for all work missed***. You will have the same number of days as you were absent to make up the work. If you miss a test or quiz for any reason, you are responsible for scheduling a time with Mrs. Fennell to make up the test or quiz.

Extra Help: I am always available if you need extra help. If you don't understand something during class, please ask questions! I am available before or after school for any students who may need or want extra help. Additionally, I supervise Homework Club on Mondays and will be available in the Media Center from 2:14 - 4:00. Students are encouraged to see me to set up an appointment and get the help they may need.

I know this school year is going to be a fun and successful one! I look forward to helping you make this your best year yet. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at your convenience:

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Video Permission Slip

During the school year, your child will be viewing a variety of videos pertaining to the eighth-grade curriculum. These films will be closely related to the topics studied in Social Studies. All of these films are rated G, PG, or PG-13. I would like permission for your child to view these videos throughout the course of the year. Please sign and return this permission slip. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

We are aware of the policies that will be in effect in your classroom and have read the above information about classroom videos.

Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date