

Welcome to American History

Mr. Havlin

Eighth grade Social Studies is a class in which American History will be studied. We will be covering a large amount of material this year. Each trimester will focus on a specific time period. In the **first trimester** we will cover The Civil War, Reconstruction and Westward Expansion, and Industrial Revolution. **Second trimester** topics will include the Age of Imperialism, World War I, the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, and World War II. The focus of the **third trimester** will be the Korean War, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, the 1970s, the 1980s, the 1990s and the 2000s. A wide variety of activities will be used to cover this material.

Classroom Expectations

- Keep our learning environment safe and healthy.
- Treat others with respect.
- Follow school / classroom rules.
- Come to class prepared.
- Be honest and trustworthy. Any form of cheating, whether you are the one cheating or the one allowing another to cheat, will result in disciplinary action.
- Have your assignment notebook properly filled out before leaving class.

Supplies

Students will be required to have the following supplies with them each class period:

- iPad
- Writing utensils - **Blue or Black** ink pen or pencil
- A folder (which is to be used solely for History class)
- Assignment notebook

Assignments

There is a purpose for all assignments that are given. Therefore, the expectation is that all work is turned in on their due dates. Assignments are, for the most part, given during the second half of class. It is my intention to allow the students an adequate amount of time to get started on, and in many cases possibly complete, the assignment.

"Homework" will be the remainder of an assignment that is not completed by the end of class.

The following District 122 guidelines will apply to work that is not completed on time:

- An assignment turned in after its due date will be considered "late".
- "Late" assignments **will be** accepted after the due date. Students will be allowed two (2) homework extensions to receive full credit for late work that is turned in within two (2) school days. Assignment turned in after three days, or the third late assignment and beyond, will be subject to a 20% penalty.
- The Late Assignment Form must be completed and submitted with the overdue homework.
- Assignments that are never turned in will result in a 50%.

Absent Work

The completion of work that is missed while a student is absent is the responsibility of the student. Upon returning to school after an absence, the student is expected to utilize his/her Advisory period to visit the class that was missed and collect any missed notes, assignments, homework, etc.; and agree upon a timeline for turning in the absent work.

- Absent work turned in after the timeline that was agreed upon will be considered "late".

Grading

Trimester grades will be made up of a combination of in-class assignments and activities, small projects, homework assignments, quizzes and tests. The following "weights" will be used in determining trimester grades:

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| ▪ <i>Assignments / Activities / Small projects</i> | - | 50% |
| ▪ <i>Quizzes / Tests</i> | - | 50% |

Redos/Retakes

According to *District 122's Grading Practices and Guidelines*, students may request to redo/retake an assignment/quiz/test. However, redos/retakes are subject to teacher discretion. Permission will most likely be granted unless the student is not following the spirit of the redo/retake practice.

The student must complete the requirements that are in place on the Test Redo/Retake Form.

Students will be allowed two (2) redo/retake opportunities.

Students will not be allowed to redo/retake an assignment/quiz/test unless:

- all work that was related to the unit is completed,
- they demonstrate a further commitment to learning the material, and
- the Redo/Retake Form is completed and signed by a parent.

The highest grade will be the one granted and recorded in the gradebook.

Textbook

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To access the online version of the textbook:

- Go to the NLSD Homepage
- Under the Parents and Students tab
- Click on the Student Technology Portal
- Click login with SAML
- Enter: Username: 122FIRSTLAST name (ALL CAPS)
Password: nlsd plus student ID Number (example: nlsd12345)

Website

Please visit my website, which is accessible from Liberty's main page.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me, at any time, with any questions/concerns you may have throughout the trimester.

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