



Welcome to Mrs. Orr's 8th Grade U.S History Class



This year we will cover United States History from the early days of European Colonization, the American Revolution, the creation of the Constitution and the Early Republic, Westward Expansion, the Civil War, and into the early Industrial Revolution. The objective for this class is for students to learn about the founding of the nation, analyze what freedom meant to the founders and how that has changed over time, explore how and why the United States expanded across the continent, analyze the causes, key events, and complex consequences of the Civil War, and examine the vast changes caused by the Industrial Revolution.

Contact Information

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951-365-1695 to leave a voicemail

Students should always message me through the Google Classroom

Please understand it may take up to 24 hours to respond since I have very limited time during the school day

Classroom Information

Almost all assignments will be posted and accessible through the Google classroom. Some class activities will not be available in that format. All classwork will be turned in through the Google classroom.

Students are required to have their district-issued chromebook, composition notebook, pen/pencil, and highlighters each day for class.

Class Expectations

- Respect the teacher, other students, and the school/classroom at all times
- Students will courteously participate with partners and groups as well as full class discussions
- Classwork will be turned in on time and fully completed
- It is the student's responsibility to make up work missed due to an absence

Academic Policies and Grading

Grading will be based on three areas: Participation, Practice, and Assessments. Daily classroom participation will count towards a student's grade. Practice encompasses class work, home work, group assignments, and writing projects. Assessments includes quizzes, unit tests, and/or unit culminating activities.

The grading scale is as follows:

100% - 90% A

89% - 80% B

79% - 70% C

69% - 60% D

59% and lower would be a failing grade which would exclude a student from the end of the year Promotion and Activities.

Late work will be accepted for partial credit up until the end of a Unit of Study.

There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for cheating. This can result in a zero grade on an assignment for BOTH the student copying and the student being copied from. Any academic dishonesty will be reported to a school counselor and a parent will be notified.

Courtesy and Consideration

Please follow all district, county, and state guidelines when determining if your child should come to school or stay home sick. In the current environment we must err on the side of caution in order to keep everyone safe. More than anything we want to have everyone at school every day, however in the best interest of all involved please keep your student home if they are ill or exhibiting symptoms. Make-up work will be available on the Google Classroom for any absences due to illness.