**10th Grade Honors U.S. History Class Expectations**

**Syllabus**

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1. **Objectives:** This is the story of American life through the 20th and early 21st Centuries. By the time we are through, you should have an understanding of the United States and the events and issues that influence our way of life today. Our primary focus is on key events, both foreign and domestic, as well as milestones in medicine.
2. **Learning and Cooperation:** The main class rule is the age old *Golden Rule*: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
3. Translation—Be cool! Everyone is to be treated with Respect.
4. How does this apply to the everyday class routine?

i. Come to class prepared to learn. Bring with you to class everyday a pen or pencil, your up-to-date notebook, your computer and a good attitude!

1. Stay on task.
2. Stay Awake! It is impossible to learn with your eyes closed! Pay attention; focus on the task at hand.
3. During class discussions, **one person speaks at a time.** Listen to whoever has the floor-no side talk.
4. Be a positive part of class, rather than a disruption.
5. Please bring your phone to class. Manage your personal electronics appropriately. Use them for learning - only. Take out your earbuds unless you have been instructed to use them. I reserve the right to possess your device when it is misused. The first time you may have it at the end of the period. Any violations following that, you’ll be requesting it back from Mrs. Earnest.
6. I am the DJ. IF there is music in the class, I will choose – do not touch the media!
7. **I dismiss class….you do not!** Do not mosh the door. If you waste my time, I will have to use some of yours to get stuff done.
8. **No gum.** It bothers me, it’s unprofessional, and it makes a mess.
9. **Online:** Room 12 is connected through schoology.com Curriculum material will be found on Schoology. You will be accountable for a variety of media, including videos, web pages, and PowerPoint lecture slides. Check the Schoology calendar daily. Most daily assignments will be hand-written, then scanned and uploaded to Schoology.

*Discussion Posting Guidelines:*

* *Online discussions are fun…and intended for the sharing of knowledge, to reflect on ideas, and to improve students’ critical thinking.*
* *Our online community (Schoology) will be a safe environment for people to share ideas.  Good “netiquette” will be practiced: Certainly emotional outbursts, name-calling, and other "flames" are outlawed.*
* *This use of media is to be considered an extension of the classroom discussion.*
* *Schoology and any other venue for web-based discussion are for academic use ONLY. (Any other use/application will be considered a violation of the school’s technology use agreement, as mentioned in the school’s handbook.)*

*All posting and student writing will be assessed using Standard English grading for mechanics – quality is expected.*

1. **Grades:** You will keep track of your own grade progress by monitoring Powerschool.

Daily work 10-20 points

Scale 100-90% = A

 89-80% = B

 79-70% = C

 69-0% = WIP (Work in Progress/NO CREDIT)

The gradebook is weighted by the following category percentages

Classwork/Daily work – 80%

Final Exam – 20%

\*\*\*Do your own work! Copying the work of others will be considered cheating, which is a step one violation, per the MMACHS student handbook.

**MISSING AND MAKE UP WORK:** Missing work will be marked as 0 in the gradebook. Missing/late work will be accepted or refused at my discretion. The standard policy for late work will be 2% lost per school day. Following any unit test, all scores prior to the test will be permanent.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO COME TO ME FOR MAKE UP WORK IF YOU ARE ABSENT!!!** Even if your absence is excused, you will not receive credit for assignments missed if you do not see me for the make-up work.

1. **Composition Notebook:** Your notebook will be essential to your learning. Bring it to every class session.
2. **Reflection:** You will complete writing exercises and activities using your notebook.
3. **Note-taking:** A good notebook will make a great study tool, as the exam will be made primarily from the lectures and material in class. Cornell style notes will be emphasized. Composition style notebook is recommended.
4. Students will not be issued a textbook for this course. Your notebook is your resource.
5. The semester final is the only exam. It will consist of a series of essays you are expected to synthesize content from class sessions and homework. Your notebook will be an invaluable resource in preparation for the final exam.
6. **Behavior**: You are accountable for your behavior. We strive for mutual respect in our classroom at all times. If mutual respect does not occur, we follow the behavior policies in your *MMACHS Student Handbook*.
7. **Attendance/Tardies:** A student is tardy if he or she is not in their seat, or appearing remotely, when class begins. Being in the room means nothing if you are not in your seat prepared to learn! Be sure to note the Tardy Policy (2) in your *Student Handbook.*  **Attendance and participation**:  Attendance at class sessions is considered critical for learning and understanding the course content.   Recording student attendance is an institutional policy.   Student attendance for this course will be recorded by having students participate in online assignments, viewing pages, watching assigned videos in their entirety, and through attending assigned classes. While it is understood that life is messy and can get in the way of school sometimes, it is expected that students will make every effort to attend scheduled classes, including arriving on time and remaining for the entire class session, and/or participating in the assigned activity.  **Participation is more than showing up for the class**. Students who do not participate in class (either face to face or digitally) may be counted absent for that day. Please communicate with me if you’re struggling. I am happy to work with you to ensure your success in my class.
8. Lunch time and study hall will be the designated make up time for missed in-class work. If you have missed an in class activity, quiz, or test, you must make it up within the following 2 days at study hall, or you will not receive credit for the missed in-class work. Let me know that you are coming in so that I am sure to be in my room. Missing work will be marked as 0 in the gradebook. Missing/late work can be made up until the Chapter/unit test is given. Following the test, all scores will be permanent.
9. **Extra Credit:** I reserve the right to assign extra credit – however that opportunity is not guaranteed. (Remember, it’s extra work for you **and** me) Extra credit will not be given on an individual basis. **In order to be eligible for extra credit points, YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY MISSING ASSIGNMENTS!!!** Even one missing assignment will disqualify you from getting any extra credit points!!!

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| I am located in Room 12. I can be available to help you at break, at lunch, and after school. However, you will only be guaranteed to catch me for sure if you schedule an appointment with me. The door is always open, so feel free to come in and share your successes as well as your problems and concerns. |