

World History/Geography

World history tells the stories of people, events, and institutions from the earliest civilizations to modern times. Focus will be placed on the beliefs of those in the past, the ways they met their economic needs, the social and political institutions they formed, and the culture they transmitted from one generation to another.

This course also integrates the teaching of Geography with History. Geography is not taught as a separate subject but is included in every lesson as needed, through maps, diagrams, photographs, and text descriptions.

Class Materials: Textbook, Notebook, Pen (**Blue or Black Ink Only**) or Pencil, and a Positive Attitude – **Needed Everyday!**

Classroom Rules: Be on time, be prepared, be respectful of everyone and everything, be on task, and recycle all paper.

Notebooks should **NEVER** be placed in your textbook. Cell phones are to be **turned off and placed upside down on the corner of your desk until the dismissal bell rings**. During tests or quizzes your phone must be placed on the floor, under your desk, upside down, and off. Any first offense violation will result in me keeping the phone until the end of the day. Second and any further offenses will be handled by the office. Remember backpacks and purses are not allowed in the classroom.

Beginning of Class: Class begins with the **2nd Bell**. If you are not in your seat promptly after the 2nd bell, you are late. If you have any make-up slips they will be signed during this time. We will do an opening activity at the beginning of each class. These activities may range from discussing an article from the newspaper and current events, reviewing previously discussed concepts, or previewing the day's lesson.

Participation: You will receive a daily participation grade for your time in this class. You will earn your points as long as you are **prepared** and **actively** engaged in the learning of U.S. history. This means working on opening activities, note taking, participating in discussions, working on history homework, following classroom rules, having required class materials, etc. You will earn two points each day for a total of approximately **80 points** per quarter. No points will be awarded for unexcused absences, and you will lose points for being late to class. Participation points will be figured every two weeks. You'll be allowed one unexcused absence per grading period. After one unexcused absence you will receive an X in the grade book, meaning the points won't help you or hurt you.

Leaving the Room: Trips to your locker and restroom will be strictly limited. I will only allow you to use the restroom if it is an emergency, so please use the restroom between classes. Trips to the guidance office or office will also only be allowed in the case of an emergency.

I _____ have read and understand Mr. Docker's classroom policies and procedures.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I _____ have read, understood, and agree to abide by Mr. Docker's classroom policies and procedures.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Make-up Work: If you miss class it is your responsibility to come and see me. If you miss class and come to school later in the day you are expected to stop in and get your make-up work. If you have missed several days you should come see me before school the day of your return. Tests and quizzes need to be made up **ASAP!** You must do this either before or after school or during study hall. **Make-up work is your responsibility. I will NOT chase you down and tell you that you need to turn in assignments or make things up.** You will have the number of days absent plus one to get your work in as stated in the student handbook. It is hard to do well when you're not here.

Late Work: If you do not turn an assignment in when I collect homework, then the work is late. I will only accept late work the **next day** after the assignment is due. This will result in the loss of one letter grade. **Late work will NOT be accepted after the next day.**

Class Grade: Your grade in this class will be determined by scores on homework, tests, quizzes, papers, projects, and participation.

Cheating: Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. Turning in identical work to someone else on a nongroup project or assignment will be considered cheating. If caught cheating or plagiarizing you will receive a **zero** on that assignment.

Test Taking: When taking tests in my room all books, notebooks, etc. must be shoved under your desk. Nothing is to be in the aisles. All tests must be completed before the period is over unless otherwise notified, and there should be absolutely no talking during test time. On test days you should bring a book to read or something else to work on in case you finish early.

Web Site/Schedule: My web site also has a copy of the syllabus and other helpful info. To get to my web site go to www.centrallyon.org, choose the classroom pages tab, choose HS Social Studies, then find my name.

Additional resources to accompany your textbook may also be found at www.glencoe.com.

Daily activities and other important info about upcoming due dates will be written on the board every day.

Extra Help: If you are ever confused, have questions on homework, or need help preparing for tests, come and see me. I **cannot** read your mind, so if you need help, **ASK!** I will go out of my way to help those who seek help and work hard. I am always available before school and when not coaching I'm available after school as well. Remember that if you have questions on a homework assignment or test preparation the worst time to ask is during the period they are due.

Fire Drill: Exit quickly and quietly through the NW exit in the elementary wing.

Tornado Drill: Sit quietly in the hallway north of the SE wing.

Quote for the Year: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
-Confucius