**11th Grade Contemporary US and World History (Honors)**

**1945 to the Present**

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Welcome to the start of another school year. This year for social studies you will be learning about contemporary U.S. and World history. This course will cover a wide range of topics from the end of WW II to the present day. The following are a few of those topics: U.S. domestic and foreign policy, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, the Cold War, the modern Middle East, Human Rights, Terrorism, Globalization, and others. Hopefully over the course of the year you will gain a better understanding of the world in which you live and the role the United States plays in it.

**Class Rules**

1. Respect yourself and others.
2. Come to class prepared.
3. Be in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings.
4. Raise your hand if you have a question or comment.

**Consequences**

1. Verbal warning.
2. Phone call, email, or letter home.
3. Office Write Up

**Grading**

 All grades will be rounded up if they are over .5 percentage points. Ex. 89.6% would be a 90% and 89.4% would be an 89%.

A = 90% or Above

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = less than 60%

Grades will be based on a weighted system. 60% of your grade will be based on tests and quizzes. The rest of your grade, 40%, will be earned through a combination of homework assignments, class assignments, projects, notebook checks and bonus points. Students will be required to keep track of their grades using *Home Access.* If you are not currently signed up for *Home Access* you need to do so.

**Phones**

Phones are to be put away at the start of class. If a phone is still out you will get a verbal warning to put it away. If the phone is out again it will be taken and given back at the end of class. A future incident will result in a parent contact followed by a write up.

**Hall Passes**

 Students are expected to use the bathroom/lockers before class starts. If they need to use the pass during class they need to sign out in their “Hallway Passport.” The have six passes per marking period. Any unused passes will count for 1pt extra credit per unused pass (max. 6 pts.). Students with medical conditions are exempt from this policy.

**Homework**

 Homework is an important part of your grade. It helps reinforce what you have already learned and prepares you for future classes. Homework is to be turned in at the beginning of class. If you are absent you have the number of days you were absent to turn it in. All other late work will count for half credit. Assignments will not be accepted after we have tested and moved on from a unit. Unit Test study guides will not be accepted late.

**Notebooks**

 Students will be required to keep a three ring binder for this class. The notebook will include three main sections: a warm up/objective section, a unit section (vocabulary, notes, etc.) and a reference section (maps, hall passes, etc.). Notebook quizzes will be given periodically and will be based on organization and completeness. Students should bring their notebook to class every day.

**Absent from Class**

If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to find out the work you missed and make it up in a timely manner. Daily class activities, assignments, power points and other materials are found on **Canvas**. If it is a long term project/deadline, the project is due the assigned day and will be marked late afterwards.

**Plagiarism**

If a student copies or plagiarizes someone else’s work, they will receive a zero for the assignment and can have their grade for the marking period dropped one letter grade.

**Bonus Points**

 You may be given opportunities to do extra credit work for bonus points throughout the marking period. I will announce what those assignments are and when they are due. If you visit a historical site (museum, battle site, etc.) during the school year, and show proof of where you went (picture or ticket stub) and complete a 1-2 page write up of where you went and what you learned you will receive extra credit (no more than one per marking period).

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 (Student Signature)

**Textbooks**

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