

Middle School History

General and Contact Information

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Classroom Rules

- Respect
- Reverence
- Responsibility



Policies & Procedures

- If you miss class, take responsibility to find out what you missed, to acquire the materials you need to complete the work, and set an appointment to make up a missed quiz or test.
- All other policies and procedures will be discussed with the students within the first week of school.

Discipline

- See handbook, pgs. 25-28
 - 3 demerits (behavior or uniform) = 1 detention; 3 detentions = 1 Saturday detention; 4th detention = In School Suspension

Grading Policy

- I use a point system which can easily be converted by the student to a percentage to determine their grade.
 - Each assignment, whether HW, quiz, test, or project, will have an assigned number of points to be determined based on the assignment.
 - I have the option of dropping the two lowest homework or quiz grades per trimester. Test grades will not be dropped from the average, but one retake per semester is permitted at the teacher's prerogative.

- **Tests** will occur approximately every two weeks. A unit test would be worth more than a chapter test, etc. These will require long-term studying and preparation.
- **Quizzes** will be given one to two times a week. Classroom lessons and pacing may be adjusted as a result of what these quizzes reflect about the class' comprehension.
- **Homework** will be given regularly as needed to reinforce content.
 - Late work, if completed well, can earn at most: 1 day = 70%, 2 days = 50%, more than 2 days = 1%
 - all work *must* be completed
 - Neatness, spelling, and heading, as well as content, are considered in your HW
 - Students will have the opportunity display their understanding of material in a variety of ways. The students may exercise these options beginning October 3. Something tangible must be turned in:
 - Text section assessment
 - "If You Were There" writing assignment
 - Cartoon or visual/symbolic representation of the material assimilated (*must include captions and explanations*)
 - Song, rap, or poem
 - Monologue, dialogue, scene, skit, puppet show
 - Commercial and/or jingle
 - Radio or TV news report broadcasting
 - Imaginary newspaper article(s) or pages
 - Comparison or application to current events or your life
 - Report card for a key figure (*offer specific areas for a variety of grades and comment on why the grade was given*)
 - PowerPoint or poster board presentation
 - Brochure "advertising" a person, place, or significant event
- Assigned **projects** of different forms will take the place of homework, quizzes, and tests as is fitting to the subject matter and amount of work required.
- **Participation** in class, whether it is a discussion or other individual or group activity, does contribute to the student's grade.
 - This is *not* a grade for behavior - that is what the demerit system is for. However, if the student's behavior prevents mature, intelligent participation in class activities, this will be reflected in their participation grade.

Online Textbook

Students are responsible for keeping track of their personal login information.

1. Go to the Internet website: <http://my.hrw.com/>
2. Enter your individualized username (as stated on the paper stapled above) in the box.
3. Enter your individualized password (as stated on the paper stapled above) in the box.
4. Click the "Login" button.
5. When it loads the next page, simply click on the icon of the textbook or the words that say "Go to the online textbook."