***Mr. Watts Room 206***

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***U.S. Honors Syllabus***

***Course Goals***

The student understands:

* Historical chronology and perspective.
* The United States during The Civil War, Reconstruction, Pre-Industrialization, and Industrialization
* The United States post industrialization, which includes Imperialist Policies, WWI, The Roaring 20’s, The Great Depression and WWII Era, The Cold War.
* The political and cultural movements in the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries including The Harlem Renaissance and Civil Rights Movement.
* The wars of the 20th and 21st century including The Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, The Persian Gulf War, and The War on Terror.
* To draw parallels between the histories we study and our world today.

***Textbook***

* You will be assigned a copy of “United States History and Geography, Modern Times”. If you lose or damage this textbook you will owe the school $81.62.
* You will need internet access of some kind outside of my classroom. If you do not have this access, you need to meet with me to discuss alternatives.

***End of Course Exam***

* This class is eligible for a state administered End of Course Exam that all students must take. The exam will be held at the end of April/beginning of May.

**Academic integrity violations can include:**

* Plagiarism, cheating, and unauthorized group work on any assignment, project, or test.
* If a student is caught the following will occur:
  + The student will receive an F with zero credit.
  + The citizenship grade will be lowered for the grading period.
  + A notice will be recorded with the guidance office.

**The guidance office may report any occurrence of academic dishonesty on college admissions applications.**

***Discipline: Verbal Warning, Student Conference, Detention, Parent Contact, Referral***

***Grade Breakdown***

* You will receive points for each assessment based on the value of that assessment.
* To calculate your grade add up the total number of points you earned on all assignments and divide it by the total number of possible points. This percentage is your grade. (100-90 = A; 89-80 = B etc.)

***Late Work***

* Late work will be accepted up to two days late. You can obtain no higher than a C on any assignment turned in late. After two days it is a zero.
* If the class reviews the answers to a homework assignment in class you may not turn it in late. The grade is a zero.

***Attendance***

* If you are roaming around the room or not in the room when the bell rings, then you are tardy. This includes if you come in and leave to use the restroom.
* The 4th tardy will result in a tardy referral, as will every tardy after the 4th. This can contribute to attendance failures and you may be forbidden from sports/ extracurricular activities.

***Absence, Make Up Work, and Appointments***

* If you are absent, first look at the agenda board to determine what activities you missed.
* Check the “Make Up” bin for any worksheets with your name on it. You have three days to complete these for credit.
* If you missed notes or another non-worksheet activity consult a friend or my website.
* If you had all materials to complete an assignment and are absent on the day it is due, then it is due the day you get back for full credit, within reason.
* Skipping class will result in an automatic referral and a zero for any missed work.
* If a student is present when a quiz or test is announced they are responsible for that material and will take the test on test day, regardless of absence, within reason.
* If you have questions about missed work or need to come and make up a test or quiz please come and talk to me during a lull period (before or after class).
* **Make up work, notes, quizzes, tests, are your responsibility to make up, not mine to find you and compel you to complete.**

***Materials***

* This class requires a 3 ring binder/notebook that will serve to organize your work. You will consistently be updated as to the order of your notebook. Notebooks will be checked at the end of the semester for a test grade.
* Blue/black pen and pencil, highlighter
* Paper for notes