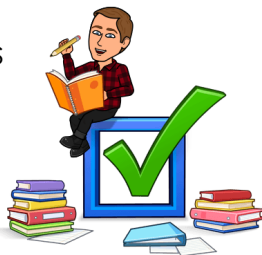


Social Studies

Contact Information

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- Room 2312
- Talking Points



Class Materials

For this course, you will need the following resources:

1. Laptop
2. Pencils & Eraser / Pens
3. Binder/Folder for handouts
4. Spiral Notebook



Expectations

In this class, we will study world history from the mid 1400s onward, starting with the Age of Exploration. Many days we do collaborative activities, so you must respect and work hard with your peers while also producing your own individual work. You will be held to high expectations both academically and behaviorally, but if you work hard and have a positive attitude, you will be successful. If you are struggling at any point, please see me so that we can work together to come up with the best plan for your success.

Grading & Policies

Grading Policy:

RMS operates on a Weighted Point System.

We have two different types of graded assignments, Major Assignments, and Minor Assignments. Major Assignments are 60% and Minor Assignments are 40%

Major Assignments include assessments such as tests and projects, while Minor Assessments generally include vocab quizzes/checks and classwork activities that are handed out during the day. I usually do not assign homework but if there is an assignment you have not finished that was due at the end of the class, it will need to be done at home.

Late Policy:

Assignments will be accepted up to five days late. After five days you will receive a zero. If you need more time, come find me and we should be able to make a deal.

Grading Scale:

- A = 100 - 90
- B = 89 - 80
- C = 79 - 70
- D = 69 - 60
- F = 59 - below

Make-up Policy:

You may make up any missed assignments during your absence. Please see me for paper copies of make up work and check Canvas for digital work.

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Curriculum

The following units will be covered this year in Social Studies:

- Age of Exploration
- Colonization
- Absolutism & Enlightenment
- Age of Revolution
- Industrialism, Nationalism, & Imperialism
- World War I & Russian Revolution
- Interwar Period & World War II
- New Nations
- The Cold War
- Human Rights & The World Today

Tutoring & Extra Help

I am willing to meet with you during lunch, before or after school to help you. Please let me know in advance, and we can work together to schedule a time that works for both of us.

Please note: the expectation is that you are attentive in class and working hard. **Please do not waste class time only to request to make up for lost time.**

You may also email me or private comment on Canvas for help, and I will respond as soon as possible.

Additional Policies

Rules & Procedures

- We will follow the RMS Student Handbook rules and procedures for cell phone consequences:
 - **First Offense:** The phone will be taken and returned at the end of the class period.
 - **Second Offense:** One day of lunch detention. The phone will be taken & returned at the end of the day.
 - **Third Offense:** Three days of lunch detention and will be written up for non-compliance. The phone will be taken & returned at the end of the day.
 - **Fourth Offense:** The students will receive one day of In-School Suspension (ISS) for repeated non-compliance. The phone will be taken and must be picked up at the office by an adult.
- We will use a wide variety of resources online this year. Students are expected to use the chromebooks as a learning tool, if a student is using the chromebook inappropriately (playing games, watching videos, etc.) the student will be asked to put the computer away and will be given a printed version of the assignment, or will have to watch along with a partner.
- Do not copy assignments (tests, quizzes, classwork, or homework) from classmates or from online resources. This constitutes as cheating, which will result in a grade deduction and redone assignment.