

THE CODE OF THE CLASSROOM

Early human civilizations established codes of conduct. Hammurabi's Code is the most famous. These are my rules but we will discuss them and I am open to changes.

NINE WEEKS GRADES AND EXERCISES (INDICATES TYPICAL AMOUNT EACH NINE WEEKS)

1. 60% Grades (Summative)
 - A. Essays
 - B. Unit and Map Tests
 - C. Oral Test
 - D. Projects
 - E. Primary Source Exercises that involve writing

2. 40% Grade (Formative)
 - a. Thesis Writing
 - b. Quizzes
 - c. Outside Reading Assignments, Graded Discussions and Journals
 - d. Reading Assignments
 - e. Chapter Outlines and Key Concept Outlines
 - f. Mapping Exercises

ELECTRONIC MEDIA INCLUDING CHROMEBOOKS, GOOGLE CLASSROOM, AND WORK

All students will have and use a school furnished Chromebook. Do not use your own personal computer. Make sure it is regularly charged and bring your charger with you. If we do an assignment requiring a Chromebook, and you do not have it, it could impact your grade.

Our textbook is available as an eBook. We will provide the codes.

All outlines and class notes must be handwritten and turned in as a hard copy format. Consequently, please write out your work in longhand. All studies show that students learn better and remember it longer if they hand write work. It is also to avoid plagiarism and copying.

Please do not turn in work electronically unless it is part of a special assignment – it will not be graded. The only exception is for students with diagnosed learning issues such as dysgraphia or dyslexia. In such cases typing will be permitted. Please see the teacher.

No cell phones will be allowed out during class nor may you have earbuds in your ears. If found, I will take up your devices and create an incident report. The second violation, I will call home.

BE-ATTITUDES: CLASS RULES OF CONDUCT

Violations of rules may be handled by one-hour detentions after school. Further problems will result in calling parents and referral of the student to the principal.

A. Be Prompt, Be Here

Please be in class on time. Tardy is not being in your seat when the bell rings. Try not to miss any class unless it is an emergency, competition, or if you are ill. If you are going to be out of the class for more than two days, please contact the teacher as soon as possible. See teacher for makeup, missed work.

B. Be Courteous and Respectful to All Others

Students will be respectful towards each other and their ideas. Be nicer to guests and substitute teachers than you are to each other. Raise your hand if you want to say something. Please wait until the teacher recognizes you to speak. Please do not out of your seat without permission

C. Be Prepared for Class

Bring all class books, supplies and work to class daily.

Assigned work is due at the beginning of the class on the date specified. I do not accept daily work late unless a student has an excused absence. Major assignments are accepted late on the next calendar day for a maximum of 70.

School policy says that you have three days to make up work from absences. Missed tests must be made up within one week of the date. Please see the teacher before or after school or during tutorials.

Work due the day of an absence is due the day you return.

D. Be Involved in Class

Students will be involved in the class. This involves taking notes, being engaged in the discussion, and doing all the work assigned. When we do group work, all work in the group, cooperate and share..

E. Be Honest

Always tell the truth and do your own work. Do not copy. Do not share answers.

F. Be Happy!

School and my classroom are safe, happy places! We all learn better when happy! Smile often! If there is a problem, please see the teacher as soon as possible. Turn frowns upside down.

TEST/QUIZ CORRECTIONS

Students may correct failed tests but not quizzes (they are open notes after all). Once I return the work, the student has a week to perform corrections. You must attend one tutorial. See my website for correction procedures. If done according to standard, I will add points to your failing score. raise the failing grade to a 70.

ASSIGNMENTS AND CLASS MATERIALS

All my assignments will appear on your Google calendar and in the Grade Book. Electronic work, printouts and sources will be linked to the class page. The comment “I did not know” is only possible if the student did not check on-line assignments or forgot to do the work.

REPLACEMENT ASSIGNMENTS

Providing you have no zeroes, I will offer extra formative assignments that may replace low assignment grades in the “40% Category.” You may do any or some or none of the work. At least once every four weeks I will offer a replacement essay which can replace essays, a map test, or an oral test. I will give you the higher of the two scores. If you have zeroes you must do the missing work first.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

The single most important contributor to student success is whether he/she completes each reading assignment and its accompanying work. There is no substitute. Do the reading faithfully. Reading is assigned for each class period. At first it may be difficult, but practice makes perfect! And use a dictionary every time you do not understand a word.

We will discuss topics that may be new and different. Please keep an open mind. You do not have to agree with what you read and hear, but you will need to think historically and critically.

Keep an organized notebook and use it to review. Proper prior planning prevents poor performance. This is especially true of college courses.

Work at mastering writing and notetaking. We will practice but come to tutorials if you need help.

Do not worry about your grade unless it is failing. Remember I permit test corrections (or in some cases retakes), offer replacement essays and provide replacement assignments if you have no zeroes. Take advantage of these to raise your grade.

If you have a question or concern, call, email me, or come by. I will help you all as much as possible, but you must see me outside of class. And please see me and talk if you have a problem with anything. I can be flexible on due dates and extensions if valid reasons exist. You may email me using the school email and I will respond as soon as possible.