



Mrs. Terenzi

Eighth Grade American History Class Contract

American History in 8th grade will afford you the opportunity to learn about American History through primary sources, textbook readings, videos, speeches, and a whole array of available internet resources to bring American History alive for all of you. Your textbook, **America History of our Nation**, will be a wonderful resource for you. Please make sure to refer to the textbooks' website to assist you in your learning.

My e-board is at **vterenzi.csh.site.eboard.com** My plan this year is to use this as much as possible. You will be able to have access to the weekly assignments and other projects as we progress through the school year.

Required materials needed for class:

1. A notebook that will allow you to take notes during class.
 - This may be in the form of a spiral notebook or a loose- leaf notebook. Please be advised that throughout the year I will ask you to turn in class assignments and you will need paper. If you do not like to rip pages out of a spiral then you may want a loose- leaf binder.
2. A folder with pockets so that you can keep all of the handouts with you.
3. One package of 3 by 5 index cards to have available to you at all times.
4. A writing utensil each and every day.

Office Hours:

Any time that I have a free period you are welcome to come for extra help. In the event that we cannot coordinate a similar time during the day I will be more than happy to stay after school as long as you let me know ahead of time that you want to see me.

The Break Down of the points for the course:

The grades in this course are based upon a point system. All of the grades will be inputted into my grade program on my computer and you may find out your grade at any time throughout the course. Please feel free to come to the Social Studies office at any time.

1. Homework: 5 points for each assignment
2. Quizzes: 50 points
3. Tests: 100 points
 - a. Each semester we will have a project assignment to complete that will count as 100 points. This is a great opportunity for you to boost your test grades as these projects are generally creative in nature and they are usually a reinforcement of the material covered so far.

Attendance:

It is expected that you come to class every day to learn. In the event that you are sick or not in class you are responsible for the work. Please refer to the class calendar that is handed out each week or is available on my e-board. In the event that you are absent for a test or quiz please make up that assessment when you return or simply make arrangements with me to take it another day. **This is your responsibility!**

Lateness:

Lateness to class is not tolerated. We have such a short amount of time together each day that it would be unfair of me not to give you the entire amount of time that you deserve. This lateness policy also applies to assignments. I will accept late home works but there will be a point penalty for each day that it is late. For the projects there will be a 10 point deduction each day that it is late.

Please sign the line below following a discussion with your parents with the understanding that you will work hard and learn some history.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____