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U.S. History
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Course Description

U.S. History is a seventh grade class that covers the events and development of the United States from its founding through the era of Reconstruction following the Civil War. Students will also work at improving their critical thinking skills and engage in the analysis of a variety of primary and secondary sources. U.S. History will incorporate technology in a variety of ways and throughout the year students will complete a digital interactive notebook to engage with the material and utilize their research skills.

Textbook

Florida: Discovering Our Past - A History of the United States - Early Years by McGraw Hill
**Students will have access to the online copy of the textbook.

Classroom Expectations

1. **Be prompt and prepared** - Come to class on time with all necessary materials each day.
2. **Be respectful...**to yourself, your classmates, Sr. Sikkenga, and the classroom.
3. **Take responsibility for your own learning** - If you need help, please ask. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up.

Leaving Class

Students will have 3 opportunities to leave class to go to the bathroom or their locker per 9 week grading period, so it is advised that they use their passing time wisely. Students may not leave class, however, in the middle a teacher-directed portion of the lesson or prior to completing their warmup at the beginning of class.

Necessary Supplies

The following supplies must be brought to class every day:

- Writing Utensils (pencil and pen)
- Highlighter
- Executive Function Binder
- Planner

Grading

Students' grades will include the following categories:

- **50%** - Formative Assessment:
 - Quizzes
 - Classwork
- **40%** - Summative Assessments:
 - Tests
 - Projects
 - Presentations
- **10%** - Employability:
 - Homework

Late Work

Any work that is turned in late will be marked down 25% per school day that it is late.

Absent Work

It is the student's responsibility to find out what they missed if they are absent for any reason. Students can find out what they missed by looking at my website or the Google Calendar and can pick up any missed papers by looking in their class's While You Were Out Bin. They will have one day for every day that is missed to complete and turn in makeup work. If a students missed a quiz or test, they need to talk to me to schedule a time to make it up.