**Overview and Goals**

Ninth grade is our first opportunity to ensure you are ready for life beyond high school; whether you are looking forward to college, trade school, the work force or the military, knowing your past is a crucial aspect to knowing who you are and who you will become in the future. History is not just the study of dates, presidents, and wars, it is far more than that. Throughout this year you will understand that History is the study of human interactions , decisions and conflicts over time. This understanding will come through deep analysis, investigation and historical discussion with peers.

**You’ll Leave Here Better Able to:**

**1.** **Gather , interpret and use evidence**

**2.** **Compare and contextualize historical themes**

**3.** **Research to build and present knowledge**

**4.** **Comprehend Historical themes and collaborate with peers**

**5.** **Write arguments and historical findings**

**6.** **Initiate , facilitate and engage in historical discussions.**

***Grading Policies***

**10%- Homework :**

This grade is determined by the completion of tasks that are designed for out of class. This includes class discussion boards, topic mini- quizzes.

**30% - *Participation and Classwork***

This grade is determined by the effort and quality of your contributions to class. This includes participation in class activities , completion of class tasks and how you conduct yourself to each other and your instructor(s).

**30% - *Assessments***

This part of your grade will reflect how well you are able to demonstrate your knowledge of the skills and historical themes addressed in the course. There will be minor assessments such as mini-quizzes and high level assessments such as unit exams. These assignments are high- impact and essential to you passing the course each semester.

**20%- *Performance Task***

This grade will be determined on how well you are able to complete high level tasks such as projects and essays.

| **Semester 1:** | **Semester 2:**  |
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| * Topic 1 assessment
* Topic 2 assessment
* Unit 1 Exam ( Topic 1 & 2)
* Topic 3 assessment
* Topic 5 assessment
* Topic 6 assessment
* Unit 2 Exam (Topic 3, 5, & 6)
* Midterm project
 | * Topic 7 assessment
* Topic 8 assessment
* Topic 9 assessment
* Unit 3 exam ( Topic 7 , 8 & 9)
* Topic 4 assessment
* Topic 10 assessment
* Topic 11 assessment
* Topic 12 assessment
* Unit 4 exam
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**Communication:**

Check Google Classroom regularly for announcements. There I will update assignments, comments and important notes. You can also email me with any issues or questions regarding the work or your grade.

**You are responsible for staying up-to-date when absent**, so log into Classroom each day and be in touch with a classmate. Write professionally and courteously to your teachers when asking for clarification or extensions, giving us as much time as possible to get back to you.

**Extra help:**

Tutoring is offered on **Tuesdays** from 3-4 where we can discuss classwork or preparation work. Tutoring is also available upon appointment via email.

**\*\*\*All other information is located on the syllabus. \*\*\***

**Your first homework assignment:**

1. Complete the survey to tell me more about yourself.
2. Have your parents read / sign the syllabus .