

## POLICIES FOR MR. DAVIS'S UNITED STATES HISTORY CLASS

Please work with your child to make sure that they are putting forth sufficient effort in all of their courses and activities. My goal is to partner with you to achieve maximum success for your student. The following explains my classroom policies and procedures.

### 1. Materials that must be brought to class DAILY

- United States History textbook
- United States History notebook
- Pen and pencil

### 2. Suggested Binder Organization

- **Section 1:** Syllabus / Assignment Sheet / Maps
- **Section 2:** Timelines / Vocabulary
- **Section 3:** Notes / Handouts
- **Section 4:** Worksheets / Chapter Assessment / Study Guides
- **Section 5:** Current Events / Quizzes / Tests / Essays / Projects

### 3. Proper heading for papers in this class

- Name
- Assignment (ex: Class Notes 9/16/04; Outline 9/5/04; Quiz 9/12/04; HW p. 216)
- Date
- Period \_\_\_\_

### 4. Methods of Assessment & Grading

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>% of Grade:</b>
Tests*	40
Quizzes	30
Project	10
Class work	10
Homework & Current Events	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* *United States History notebook counts as one test grade per interim period.*

### 5. Grading scale

100 - 92	A
91 - 83	B
82 - 74	C
73 - 65	D
64 - Below	F

NOTE: All "D" & "F" work will be sent home for parent signature. Five points maximum will be awarded for papers returned with parent signature for a maximum of 74 points.

## 6. Class Procedures

Students are to bring all required materials to class on a daily basis and are expected to be in their seats before the tardy bell rings. Enter the classroom and put your homework in the homework box as homework will not be accepted after the class begins. Late homework will be reduced a letter grade. Having put your homework in the homework box, begin the DO NOW Activity which will be displayed on the TV monitor, overhead, or chalkboard. Work silently on the DO NOW Activity until Mr. Davis collects the assignment.

At times we will engage in collaborative learning activities, at which time students will be instructed to work cooperatively with others. At all other times, students are to work individually to complete their assignments, quizzes, and tests.

## 7. Behavior

We will adhere to the policies and procedures of Newport News Public Schools as stipulated in your student handbook. Students are expected to pay attention when someone else is talking. Do not interrupt your peers. I will give you ample opportunity to speak. In all matters, Mr. Davis will demonstrate respect towards every student in the classroom. Students will in turn demonstrate respect towards Mr. Davis as well as towards their fellow classmates. As such, the use of foul or offensive language will not be tolerated.

## 8. Consequences

In the event that a student's behavior becomes disruptive to the learning environment, the following shall occur:

- Warning from Mr. Davis
- Conference with Mr. Davis
- Parent Contact (phone, email, or letter)
- Lunch Detention with Mr. Davis
- Administrative Referral

By partnering together, we can prevent and/or curtail disruptive behavior, thereby increasing instructional time and improving every student's level of success.

## 9. Homework and Current Events

Assignments are due the next class period after assigned. Following an absence it is your responsibility to check my website or class binder for class notes and missed assignments. You will then have five calendar days following the date you were absent to turn in homework for credit. No homework will be accepted on paper torn from a spiral notebook.

## 10. Make-up tests and quizzes.

You have one week to make up a missed test or quiz. It is your responsibility to schedule a time after school. The sooner you make-up the test, the better your test grade should be.

## 11. Projects.

There will be one project assigned each marking period. Projects are due on the assigned date. Projects turned in late will be reduced one letter grade for each calendar day late (ex: an A paper becomes a C if two days late, etc.). Each day late results in one full letter grade reduction until a grade of F is achieved. Projects not turned in by the end of the marking period will receive a grade of zero.

**12. Non-Negotiable Expectations.**

You may not chew gum, consume food or drink, read personal magazines, put on make-up, wear headgear, or work on assignments or homework from other classes in U.S. History class.

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**MR. DAVIS'S CLASSROOM POLICIES** (Please sign form and return for homework credit).

I have read and I understand the policies for United States History. I agree to govern myself according to these expectations.

Date

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Student Name

Student Signature

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Parent Name

Parent Signature

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Parent's Phone Number: Home

Work:

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Best Time to Call

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