



Course Syllabus 2016-17

7th Grade U.S. History

Name _____

Hour _____ Date _____

Welcome to 7th Grade U.S. History!

This syllabus is intended to give students and parents information they will need throughout the year. I encourage each family to read through the syllabus together and discuss the information found inside. Please save the first sheet at home for your reference. **Please sign and return the signature sheet before Friday, September 9.**

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* Best times to contact are 7:30-7:50am or 2:30-3:45pm

Course Overview: This course primarily focuses on the major themes in U.S. History from the American Revolution to the present. Concepts in geography, government and economics, as well as current events, will also be included.

Textbook: *The American Journey*. Glencoe, 2012

** There are not enough textbooks for each student to have his/her own book. Books will need to be checked out in order to be used during Study Hall and/or at home.

Grading: Grades will be given four times per year based on the AHS quarterly grading system. Mid-term reports will be sent home during each quarter. Parents may check student grades using the Infinite Campus portal on the school website. Grades will be updated online at least once per week. The Adrian Middle School grading scale will be used in this class. It may be found in the Student Handbook.

ICU Program: AMS will again use an "Intensive Care Unit" (ICU) program for students with incomplete work. Whenever a student does not have his/her work done for class, he/she will report to the ICU room during Lunch and/or Advising in order to finish the assignment and/or receive extra help. The student will continue to report to the ICU room each day until the work is complete and turned in.

Plagiarism, Cheating, and Copying: A student will receive a score of 0, with no opportunity to make up or retake, any assignment or test they are found to be cheating on. This includes giving or receiving answers. Copying the work of others without giving them credit (plagiarism) is cheating and will be treated as such.

Map Tests: Students will take up to three map tests per quarter. First, they will be responsible for the location of all 50 U.S. states during the first semester. During the second semester, students will be responsible for knowing 50 additional locations in the United States (selected cities, rivers, oceans, lakes, mountain ranges, etc)

Tardiness: Any student not seated in their desk when the bell rings will be marked tardy. See school policies for tardiness in the Student Handbook.

Absences and Make Up Work: Students who know in advance they will be gone should let the teacher know and complete the work before the absence when possible. When not known in advance, the student has one day to make up work for each day that he/she was absent. Work completed during an unexcused absence will be done for 0 credit.

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices: Any electronic device that is used, seen, or heard (regardless of the reason) during class without teacher permission, or in the classroom between classes, will be turned into the office. Exceptions to this policy will include when electronic devices are being used for educational purposes and with the prior approval of the teacher.

Water, Food, and Gum: Food of any kind, including all candy and drinks, is never allowed. Water may be brought to class in certain circumstances with teacher approval and a sealed top. Do not bring food or gum to class.

Computer and Internet Usage: School policies apply whenever students are working on computers. Only websites acceptable for school work may be viewed. Consequences for viewing other websites will be handled by the Principal.

Travel Policy: Students should use the restroom between classes and will be allowed to do so during class only in emergencies. Each student will be allowed two restroom trips, two office trips, and two locker trips from this class each quarter. Travel passes will be recorded in the Assignment Notebooks, which must be in class in order to travel. Students must also sign out of the room and take the appropriate lanyard for their destination. Only one student may leave the room at a time.

Current Events: Each quarter, each student will be assigned a day to report three current event stories orally to the class. A written summary will also be required for each current event. Specific requirements for the graded presentations will be given to the students in advance.

Required Materials: Students should bring the following supplies to class each and every day: 2 pencils, notebook, three-ringed binder with dividers, assignment notebook, and a library book to read. Other materials such as colored pencils, rulers, scissors, etc. may be requested on some days but not required each day.

Classroom Website: Students and parents may access information about this class on Mr. Berghorst's webpage on the Adrian School website. The webpage will be a work-in-progress during Quarter 1 and will be updated at least weekly.

Student Teacher: During the fall semester, Mr. Kallevig, a student teacher from SMSU, will be working with Mr. Berghorst and the students in this class. We welcome the opportunity to help train a future teacher!

Any Questions? Please talk to me, send me an email, or call if there are ANY questions or concerns about this class throughout the year.

Syllabus Notification Agreement

After you have read and discussed the information included in this syllabus, please sign below and return to class by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Please keep a copy of the first sheet at home for reference and return only this sheet to school.

I have read and understand the content of the 7th grade U.S. History class Syllabus.

Student Name _____

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Contact Information

Name _____ **Name** _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Daytime Phone:** _____

Email _____ **Email** _____

