**Regents U.S. History and Government**

**Mr. MacMillan**

**2016-2017**

*Welcome to U.S. History. This year will challenge you to better understand how this great nation was formed and how we have changed over time. Along the way we will be preparing for the Regents exam that we will take in June 2017. In order to meet the Regents standards we will have to keep class at a challenging pace. Hard work and effort will be critical for success in the class and on the Regents exam in June.*

**Homework**

* *Homework will be given regularly. Most homework will be in the form of reading assignments followed by questions. These assignments will keep you up to date on what we are talking about in class and will make you feel more comfortable taking part in our class discussions.*
* *Each class reading assignments will be collected or there will be a quiz based on that assignment*
* *Essays will also be assigned and will follow the Regents format.*
* *Other Homework will be assigned such as worksheets, diary entries, posters, mini-reports etc...*

**Class Time**

**Things we will do in class:**

* **Interactive lectures outlines and blocks**
* **Take notes timelines**
* **Essays Guided Notes**
* **Individual reading quizzes**
* **Letter writing**
* **Tests**

**Grading**

*80% tests*

*20% homework, quizzes, projects, in class work*

*To check on your child’s grades visit:* ***school tool***

**Materials**

*Needed for class:*

* *3 ring binder*
* *Unit workbook*
* *Pens, pencils*
* *Extra reading from assigned texts and journals*
* *Completed homework*

**Conduct**

* *We will be talking about some sensitive topics this year during class and we will create an atmosphere of tolerance and respect. Any rude or disrespectful comments towards anyone in class will not be tolerated.*
* *Respect = BE KIND*
* *No cell phones unless I tell you that you can use them for an activity. It is important that your phone is turned off so that it will not distract you. If I see it I will take it and you will get it back at the end of the class. If it continues to happen I will turn it in to the AP and you will deal with them.*
* *Do your own work, don’t copy anyone else. Plagiarism will result in zeros and will be handed over to administrators after I talk with you and your parents.*

**Late work and absences**

* *Assignments are expected to be done on time.*
* *After being absent it is your responsibility to come see me and get your missed work. I will be available to help you make up the work that you missed.*

**Contact Information**

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