

# Course Expectations

**US History 7-Team 2**

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Room # 77

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**Introduction:** Welcome to US History 7! This course is the first in a two-part survey designed to introduce you to American History. We will explore the people, wars, revolutions, and other political, social, and economic changes that occurred in the United States from before the arrival of European colonists to the Civil War. We will be learning about what was going on before America was America, how the United States was founded, and the struggles and successes of a young nation.

**Websites:**

[www.mrgiroux.com](http://www.mrgiroux.com)

[www.cortlandschools.org/buildings/jshs/team2/index.htm](http://www.cortlandschools.org/buildings/jshs/team2/index.htm)

**Assignments:** All assignments will be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date. To receive full credit, the assignment must be completed and turned in on time. If the assignment is turned in late, you will only be able to receive 50% of the original grade.

**Attendance:** Daily attendance is essential for success in my class. Work assigned on the day of a legal absence will be due one day after your return. Work assigned prior to your absence is due the day you return. Please see me for missed work if you are absent (**Be responsible for yourself**). If a student is absent on the day of an exam/test/quiz, they will make it up the day they return. In the event of extended absences, call the guidance office in order for work to be sent home. Work sent home is expected on dates noted or on your return. I will enforce school policies regarding attendance and truancy.

**Grading:** Students will be graded in four different categories. For example:

Category	Weight
Tests & Projects	50%
Homework & Classwork	25%
Current Events & Debates	15%
Participation	10%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

- All assignments will be graded unless otherwise noted.

**Classroom Expectations:**

- Treat people with respect.
- Be on time. You should be in your seat and ready to begin when the bell rings.
- Be prepared (notebook, writing utensil, current work, and organized) everyday.
- Be attentive and foster a cooperative and intelligent learning environment for yourself and classmates.
- Complete your assigned work and study for exams.
- Take care of your personal business before class.

**Materials:** A textbook will be provided. Please bring your three ring binder to class everyday. Within your binder you will keep a history folder in addition to your other team folders and supplies. For more detailed information **see the TEAM 2 supply list.**

**How to succeed:** The first step for success in my class is attending (AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN) class. Be on time and be prepared. Class activities, lectures and group work will prepare you for your assignments. The second step is completing assignments on time. The third step for success is studying for quizzes and exams. If you put effort into your work it will directly affect your grade. The inverse (opposite) is also true.

**Film:** In order to bring different historical topics to life, we will occasionally watch clips from historical films throughout the year. Some of the movie clips are from PG-13 rated movies. These movie clips are chosen with the intent to bring a specific time in history to life. I try to limit inappropriate content as much as possible, however, I also understand that some students and parents may not be comfortable with certain content. If this is the case, please contact me directly so we can make other arrangements.

**Final Note:** I want to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and I look forward to working with you throughout the year. We will have a great year together learning about our nation's history. Please share these class expectations with your parents or guardians.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_