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*Syllabus and Expectations*

*This year in Social Studies you will begin the second part of a two-year study of U.S. and New York State History. During this time we will trace how social, economic, and political events and people were connected as our nation evolved. The following are the Units of study for the year:*

**Unit 5: Who is an American?**

- Industry, Invention, and Immigration

**Unit 6: How Can I Make Change Happen?**

- The Progressive Era.

**Unit 7: How Do I Use My Power and Authority?**

- The Rise of American Power- Imperialism and World War I

**Unit 8: What Hardships have I faced in My Life and How I Recovered?**

- The Impact of War, Prosperity, and The Great Depression.

**Unit 9: Is it Possible for Me to Stay Neutral When Others Disagree?**

- World War II to Cold War

**Unit 10: What Do We Learn from Our Relationships and Conflicts With Others?**

- Times of Change – Postwar United States

**Unit 11: Can I Make My Place in America Today?**

- Modern America

***\*\*\*Grade 8 Research Project\*\*\****

*Classroom Expectations*

*When walking in to class every student is expected to:*

- *Be on time and ready to learn.*
- *Be polite and respectful to those around you.*
- *Be productive and proud of the work that you do, it is an extension of the person that you are.*
- *Be prepared*

## Materials

- Notebook or Binder
- Paper
- Colored pencils, glue sticks, pens/pencils (provided)
- Textbook (provided)

## Homework Policy

The purpose of homework is to reinforce lessons learned in class and make connections. Homework is never meant to be hard, difficult, or confusing. If it is please let me know!

- Homework is due at the beginning of class. Late homework will be accepted; however it will only be worth 1/2 the value.
- Life happens and there will be a time when your homework will not be completed, just talk to me about it and we will figure out a plan to help you.

## Attendance Policy

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to meet with me and find out which assignments must be completed to make up the absence. If you do not make up the work that you missed it will result in receiving no credit for the assignment.

\*However... assignments announced in advance will be due on the day you return to class.

## Grading System

To calculate your overall grade for the class I have placed your assignments into two different categories:

- 60% out of 100% will be graded as a **Summative Assessment**: major projects, quizzes, tests, DBQs, etc.
- 40% out of 100% will be graded as a **Formative Assessment**: classwork, homework, etc.

## Grade Recovery for Tests

Grade Recovery is an opportunity to improve on a low test or quiz grade. Your first grade must be a 70% or below. You will receive 1/2 point for every point missed.

- In order to do a Grade Recovery you must make an appointment after school within one week of receiving your test/quiz back.
- You are responsible for completing your Grade Recovery on the day that you agreed upon.
- You will only have one week from when the assignment is returned to you to complete a Grade Recovery. You cannot do a Grade Recovery one week before grades are due.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

