

# UNITED STATES HISTORY

Welcome! I am so excited for the start of a great year. I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are ready for your FINAL year of middle school! For a detailed course description, lesson plans, links, and more please visit <http://nealhistoryclass.weebly.com>.

## SUPPLIES

- 3 Subject Spiral Notebook (Interactive Journal)
- Notebook Paper
- Pen/Pencil/Highlighter
- Textbook (you may leave this at home)

## INTERACTIVE JOURNAL & ONLINE LEARNING

We will maintain an Interactive Journal (spiral) for our writing assignments, notes, current events, etc. In your supply package was a 3-subject spiral notebook for your history class. Please bring this to class with you EVERY DAY beginning Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will also use various Web 2.0 tools on a daily basis, including my website and Edmodo. Our classroom has been equipped with the latest technology to facilitate this online learning environment. A requirement for this course is to respond to my questions on the Discussion Board, respond to others' answers, share resources and research, and occasionally post your journal writing. More information on your online learning requirements will be provided.

## GRADING & LATE WORK

There are two categories of grades in Social Studies, as detailed below. We will follow the late policy as detailed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Letter you have received. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

- Remember/Understand/Apply – 40%
- Analyze/Evaluate/Create - 60%

## MAKE-UP WORK

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to keep up with missed assignments. Look on my website to see what you have missed for the day. In many cases, I will have the files you need attached to the website for you to download and print. However, in some instances an electronic copy will not be available. At the front of the room is a hanging file pocket labeled

with the days of the week. I will place any necessary materials, etc. in those folders so that you can access them when you return (or if you happen to lose your paper ☺).

### **TUTORING/LEARNING LAB**

- Learning Lab is available T/W/Th before and after school in the library.
- Individual tutoring is available before and after school by appointment.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Be Polite. RESPECT one another.
- Be Prompt.
- Be Prepared.
- Be a promoter of the learning process.
- Have a GREAT attitude!

### **FISH PHILOSOPHY**

Be There! • Choose Your Attitude! • Make Their Day! • FUN!

### **NOTE TO PARENTS:**

I encourage my students to speak with me regarding any questions they have about our class. The same applies to you! The best way to reach me is via email ([wneal@coppellisd.com](mailto:wneal@coppellisd.com)) or you can call me at 214-496-6600 (calls will not be answered during the school day but will be returned as soon as possible). Please read through this information, as well as the information on my website (<http://nealhistoryclass.weebly.com>) and contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Whitney Neal