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\*Please note that Mrs. Zivkovic is on maternity leave and will return on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please send all emails to Mr. Weiss until then.



## 6th Grade U.S. History Syllabus

### Supplies Needed:

- Personal device (we are asking students who are able to do so this year to bring a device to use each day for electronic submission of assignments – this could be a laptop, tablet, or phone that can access myPascoConnect – students will have access to wifi at school). We will have a very limited number of electronic devices to be shared between class periods for those who do not have a personal device.
- Students who wish to wipe down desks or seats should carry a small baggie of sanitizing wipes with them each day.
- Pencils or Pens for notetaking
- Notebook (spiral, journal, or binder)

Classroom donations gladly accepted: tissues, paper towels, and sanitizing wipes

Class Objectives: Students will aspire to be active lifelong learners in a global community; learn the foundations of our nation; and the principles of our government. Special emphasis is placed on early settlement through Reconstruction.

### Student Responsibilities:

- Treat others and self with respect and dignity (we are all in this together and must work together to help keep our community safe).
- Complete assigned work on time.

- Participate in **all** classroom activities and discussions.
- Prepare for pre-announced quizzes and exams.
- Take pride in their work and put forth full effort on every assignment.
- Be a self advocate and ask for help if you do not understand something.

**The student's quarter grade will be determined as follows:**

- 50% assessments (tests, quizzes and projects)
- 50% standards based practice (daily work, participation, and homework)

**Make-up Work Policy:** Make-up Work is defined as work missed during an excused absence. The student has *two class days* for each day missed to request and make-up work. Exceptions may be made for extended absences.

**Textbooks & Online:** Students are not provided with a take home textbook in U.S. history. This school year we will be utilizing the Florida Virtual School curriculum online. Students will also have access to an online textbook as a supplemental resource.

**Remind messages:** Students will be given codes in class to sign up for remind text messages in U.S. History class. This is used in my class mainly to remind students of project due dates and to study for tests.

**Projects**

All projects that are not finished in class should be completed at home. This is true of daily assignments, as well.

**Advanced U.S. History Students**

In addition to the above criteria, advanced students will be required to participate in National History Day (NHD) which requires in depth research and an annotated bibliography. Information about NHD including due dates will be provided in class. Most of this project is completed outside of class time. This project has strict deadlines to keep students on track to be eligible to qualify for district, state, and national contest opportunities. General contest information can be found on [nhd.org](http://nhd.org) –specific class assignments related to this contest and due dates for class grade will be provided to students in class.

*I encourage you to stay informed of what we are doing in class via “myLearning” and by checking daily assignments in your child’s folder periodically. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time during the school year with questions or concerns.*

Thank you,  
Mr. Weiss and Mrs. Zivkovic

“Ideas, written ideas, are special. They are the way we transmit our stories ... from one generation to the next. If we lose them, we lose our shared history. We lose much of what makes us human.”

~Neil Gaiman