



# United States History

Seventh Grade - Mrs. Kelly

Room C155

## Directions

Read and annotate (underline and take notes) the course overview. Please sign and have your parent/guardian sign and return to Ms. Kelly by **Friday, September 8.**

## Course Overview

This year we will learn about American History from European Exploration to the Civil War period. Throughout the year we will work to sharpen our critical thinking skills by developing a keen awareness of perspective and bias in all the sources that we encounter. The development of this important skill will serve you well into your future as students, adults, and citizens who participate in a democratic society. Additionally, we will strive to make connections between events of the past and events which define our current, 21st century, experience.

## Course Materials

- Pen and/or pencil
- School agenda
- 3 ring binder (at least 1 inch)
- 5 dividers labeled: Class Notes, Homework, Quizzes & Tests, Projects, Handouts
- Looseleaf paper for binder
- Earbuds
- Textbook, *American Nation*, should remain at home

## Course Requirements

- ★ **Homework** is given on a weekly basis. Homework will be posted in google classroom every Monday. It will also be indicated on the classroom board. Google classroom will also indicate upcoming quizzes, tests and other important dates.
  - ★ **Quizzes** are given approximately once a week. Quizzes will consist of vocabulary words and/or geography that students have learned.
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- ★ **Exams** are given at the end of each unit. Exams include multiple choice questions and short answer questions. Each exam is worth 100 points.
- ★ **Projects** are assigned throughout the year. All projects count as a test grade (100 points).
- ★ **Assignments** include the completion of written responses, blogs and current events and *google classroom review packets*.
- ★ **Participation** includes the completion of the “do now,” “exit ticket” activities as well as the completion of class work.

## Policies

- ★ **Absences** When a student is absent it is their responsibility to retrieve the work they missed from the “missed work wall.” There, students will find classwork and homework assignments organized by the day of the week they were assigned. Students will be given an additional day to complete the work. Any work that is not made up within that time frame is an automatic zero. If a student is absent and misses a quiz or test, it is their responsibility to see Mrs. Kelly upon their return and make arrangements to take the test/quiz as soon as possible.
- ★ **Homework** Homework will be assigned each Monday (on google classroom and on the classroom board and as paper documents whenever necessary). The due dates for each homework assignment will be indicated on google classroom & the classboard. If homework is handed in late, then you will receive no more than half credit.

## Extra Help

Mrs. Kelly is available for extra help Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after school. Students should come prepared with specific questions to be addressed.

## Google Classroom Codes

- Period 3: y29ajx
- Period 4: hd21arq
- Period 6: k4vaa29
- Period 7: yk1tan

## Contact Information

E-mail: [mkelly@scarsdaleschools.org](mailto:mkelly@scarsdaleschools.org)

**Due Friday, September 8**

Student Name (first & last) : \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the course overview (Social Studies grade 7- Kelly) and understand all of the requirements and expectations.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_