

# Class Expectations 2007-2008

Ms. Oake-Libow

U.S. History 1 Honors

The High School of Commerce

## Course Overview:

This course is the first part of U.S. history from colonial times to the end of the Civil War, which means that we have a lot of material to cover! We will be building on your map skills, learning the early history of the United States, and looking at current events in the country. We have an exciting year ahead of us!

## Honors Class Expectations:

It is a privilege to be accepted into an Honors class, but with this privilege comes additional responsibilities. All honors students will be assigned a book for you to keep at home. In addition you can expect more give and take between students and teacher and more challenging material. We will have greater opportunities for independent research and creativity

## Teacher Expectations:

The most important thing in my classroom is mutual respect! All students, teachers, and guests to the class will be treated with respect at all times. All opinions, beliefs, and viewpoints must be respected.

**Attendance is Mandatory!** You can't learn if you are not in class. All students are expected to adhere to the city-wide attendance policy, as outlined in your handbook. If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what you've missed. Do not expect me to chase you down for missing work.

In addition to coming every day, I also expect you to come to class prepared to learn. This means not only doing your homework, but bringing all your materials to class, and being in your seat when the bell rings so that we can begin promptly.

## Student Expectations:

Students can expect that I will be available after school for help every Wednesday in B312, and I am available to stay on Mondays and Thursdays if you make arrangements with me. I encourage everyone to stay after and make-up work or get extra help. I want every student to do well, and I will help you as much as I can, but it is up to you to get the work done!

**Materials you will need:** (You must bring these to class **every** day!)

- 3 Ring Binder
- Notebook or loose-leaf paper
- Black or Blue Pen
- Pencil
- Planner

## **Marking Policy Breakdown:**

- 40% Tests, Quizzes, and Projects
- 15% Homework
- 15% Class Participation
- 10% Binder Checks
- 20% Classwork

Thank you,  
Ms. Katie Oake-Libow  
History Teacher

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_