

Class Expectations 2007-2008

Ms. Oake-Libow

U.S. History 1

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 that you learned in middle school and ninth grade, learning the early history of the United States, and looking at current events in the country. We have an exciting year ahead of us!

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!

Students can expect that they will get periodic printouts of their grade, including scores, averages, and missing assignments.

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 _____

**Getting this paper signed is your first Homework assignment!
It is also required to be the first page in your binder during binder checks!**