Social Studies 8

***Mrs. Pietrantonio – D1***

# Classroom Rules

* **Be in Your Assigned Seat when Bell Rings**
* **Follow Directions**
  + Do task immediately without a second reminder.
  + Check assignment board daily.
  + Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
* **Come to Class Prepared Everyday**
  + Have a pen/pencil & paper ready before class begins.
  + Have all books needed.
  + Have homework ready to be graded.
  + Be ready to be called upon to participate daily.
* **Respect Others**
  + Have something nice to say, or say nothing at all!
  + Remember: treat others like you would like to be treated!

# Absences

* YOU are responsible for getting the assignments and arranging the time to take tests that you missed/will miss when you are gone.
* If an **anticipated absence** (sport event, doctors appointment, class trip, etc.…) comes on the day an assignment is due, you must turn the assignment in **BEFORE** its due date or have a friend turn it in for you on its due date. Contact me in **ADVANCE** for the assignments that you will miss while gone. You will NOT be permitted to make-up work after the absence. Tests/Quizzes must be taken in **ADVANCE** or you will receive a ZERO.
* In the case of an excused absence (sickness, death in the family, etc.…), you will have one day for each day you are absent to finish the assignment before it becomes LATE. **You must make-up Tests/Quizzes within the number of days you were absent.**
* Late assignments may be turned in up to THREE (3) days late for 50% of the points.

# Expected Conduct & Procedures

* + Learning will take place in this classroom and in order to ensure that, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
  + Test will be posted on the assignment board for at least a week prior to the test date. They will also be posted on my webpage weekly. If you are absent during that week but are still present on the day of the test, you will be required to take the test that day.
  + I DO NOT ACCEPT E-MAILED PAPERS/ASSIGNMENTS.
  + Come to class prepared. You must bring your notebook and a writing utensil daily (ink pen) or face disciplinary action.
  + Take notes on important information, especially information placed on the overhead projector or board. You are required to have a folder to store class materials/notes.
  + NO CELL PHONES IN CLASS, LEAVE THEM IN YOUR LOCKER.
  + Questions and comments should be appropriate.
  + Read all assigned materials before class and be prepared to answer questions on that material during class. Come to class ready to learn and expect to be randomly called upon.
  + You must **READ** and **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**. You will not get a grade for work done improperly because you did not follow directions.
  + The teacher’s desk is off limits to all students, at all times.
  + Dismissal is by the teacher, not the bell. Remain seated until the teacher dismisses you.
  + **Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating or attempting to cheat will receive a zero and face disciplinary action.**
  + If you talk during a test (including vocabulary) you will receive a ZERO!!!!
  + MAKE-UP work is **your responsibility.**

**Course Outline & Pacing Guide:**

Unit 1: Chapter 3/4/5 American Revolution 3 Weeks

Unit 2: Chapters 5/6/7 A New Nation 3 Weeks

Unit 1 & 2 Project 1 Week

Unit 3: Chapters 8/9/10/11 The New Republic 3 Weeks

Unit 4: Chapters 12/13/14/15 The Nation Expands 3 Weeks

Unit 5: Chapters 16/17 The Nation Breaks Apart 3 Weeks

(Civil War)

Unit 3/4/5 Project 1 Week

**Web Page**

* General information can be found on Iron Mountain Public Schools teacher web pages as well as useful links.
* Weekly class plans will be posted on my webpage.

## **Assignments**

* Reading activities will have a writing assignment that follows.
* Grammar will be addressed throughout the year, as needed.
* No **INCOMPLETE** assignments will be accepted. If an assignment is incomplete, you will receive a zero for that assignment.
* All projects are a Michigan Merit course/credit requirement.

# Grading

* You will be given one grade each marking period worth twenty (20) points for participation. Participation includes individual and group involvement.
* Grades are earned not given. You **may** have an opportunity for extra credit but don’t expect it!

# Grading Scale

A … 100 – 93 B- … 82-80 D+ … 69 – 67

A- … 92 – 90 C+ … 79 – 77 D … 66 – 63

B+ … 89 – 87 C … 76 – 73 D- … 62 – 60

B … 86 – 83 C- … 72 – 70 F … Below 60