*U.S I/U.S II*

*James Clemens High School*

***Instructor Information***

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***Course Descriptions:***

I hope that you will remember that historical events are taking place every single day of your lives.  By studying and learning about historical events, you will find that history has been made by those just like you.  You are who you are because of the choices and experiences of your ancestors.  Their experiences guide your choices and actions, just as yours will guide your children’s and grandchildren’s.  You are an important link in a chain that stretches back into history and forward into the future.

***Materials Needed for Class***

Chromebook / Laptop

Pen (blue or black) / Pencil

Small 3 ring binder  (Strongly Encouraged) ***(It needs to be designated just for U.S I/II)***

Notebook for taking notes

***You are expected to bring these items to class every day!  Students who fail to bring these items to class will receive a zero on class assignments that cannot be completed due to lack of materials.  There will be a 10 point deduction each time you do not have your materials that we need for the day.***

***Grading***

* Tests (and major projects) will count for 70% of your grade
* Homework, Classwork, & other daily assignments will count as 30%
* Late work will be accepted up to 1 week (unless dr excuse/family emergency/approved by me)- there will be 10 points taken off each day it’s late. **All work must be finished during class time.**

***Vocabulary Test:   There will be vocabulary quizzes every week or 2 over material discussed in class.***

***Projects***

We do a lot of group work/projects in this class. Be engaged and participate. Those who do not participate in group work will receive a 0!

***Study Tips***

* Attend class and complete all assignments on time.
* Read over PowerPoint sections the day before they are to be discussed in class
* Complete scheduled Schoology assignments when you are absent
* Take notes in class.  Review your notes / review PowerPoints periodically.
* Participate in class!!

***How to Avoid Problems***

* Be punctual and prepared for class
* Do not talk/disrupt during instructional time.  Never while I am teaching.
* Raise your hand or wait to be recognized when asking questions or contributing to class
* Don’t be afraid to ask questions
* Don’t skip tests.
* Schedule a conference with me if you are having academic problems.

***Rules***

* All rules in the student handbook apply and will be enforced.
* You may drink water in class and eat a snack if needed. Your drink must have a top on it.
* You are expected to be quiet while I am teaching and during assignments, unless we are working in groups
* You are expected to take personal responsibility for your actions.
* **No extra credit will be provided.**
* Do your own work.  Cheating will not be tolerated.
	+ All parties suspected of participating in cheating will receive a zero.
* Respect the following:

      -  school property

      -  others and their property

      -  the right of others to learn

      -  the teacher

      -  yourself

* You must be in your assigned seat when the bell rings- no wondering around the room

***Cell phone/Ear bud/Headphone Procedures***

* If technology is needed in the classroom then **school issued chromebooks MUST be used**. Personal electronic devices may only be used at the **teachers’ direction**. **Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be used during instructional time**. Personal electronics are to be placed in the designated location when students arrive to class. **Devices will be returned at the end of class. Students are not to retrieve their devices from the designated location until the end of class (ie. leave in the location even when they go to the restroom)**. Electronic devices may be out before school, during class change, lunch, and after school. Parents, guardians, and other family members should call the front office in case of an emergency.

***Procedures***

* Sit in your assigned seat.
* Check the dry erase board & schoology for assignments.
* Have your materials with you and ready for use when the bell rings.
* Put your name and date on all work.

***Discipline***

* Verbal warning
* Conference with student with parent contact
* Withdrawal of privilege(s) with parent contact
* Other consequences determined to be reasonable and appropriate by the school administration

***Make Up Work***

* Excused absences:  3 days to complete missed work
* Unexcused absences: a zero will be assigned to all missed work.
* It is your responsibility to schedule a time within 3 days to make up any

 missed tests. If you fail to make up a test a zero will be recorded into Powerschool.

**Make sure that you ask me for assignments when you miss.**

**It is YOUR responsibility to turn in your make-up work to me.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What Sports, Clubs, Activities, are you involved in at JCHS? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**What are two Hobbies/Activities you enjoy outside of School?**

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