

Education is Your Vocation!

Classwork

Reading- There is no textbook for this course. Readings will be provided digitally and as copied articles. Students will be expected to find readings to support assignments.

Group Work- As a class, we will work together on a variety of class work and projects. Group work can range from pairs to working as a class.

Speaking- Speaking to the class will be an ongoing part of our classwork. From informal classroom responses to more formal group presentations speaking is integral to the class. As a Social Sciences elective class, we will participate in a modified Public Speaking Tuesday program.

Writing- Writing will account for a portion of our class work. Typing is the preferred method of written work (we will be using turnitin.com), but handwritten work is accepted-subject to legibility. All typed work must be MLA format, 12 point font of Times New Roman or Garamond.

Listening- Lectures will not be a regular part of our class work. Listening skills will be assessed primarily in the context of group discussion.

The Classroom

Assignments- All work must include the student's name and period number. Students should have a system for maintaining class work. I collect this 'daily' work on the day of the Unit Test.

Conduct/Rules- All state, district and school rules will be enforced in my classroom. Desks are to be cleared of everything except your current work. Electronics are to be turned off, and put away unless I give you specific approval for their use. My most important rule is that students do nothing to interfere with other student's opportunity to learn.

Personal Electronic Devices- Smartphones, when used for academic purposes, are welcome additions to the classroom. Laptops and tablets are also welcome. Even if you have your own device, please provide a signed Chromebook Usage form also.

Extra Credit- There is very little opportunity for extra credit in this class.

Grading Policy- Daily work assignments generate 1 point. Overnight homework assignments generate 3 points. Extended homework assignments and quizzes are worth 5 points, Chapter tests are worth 10 points. Unit tests and extended project work are worth 25 points. This class has not yet generated a history of points per quarter.

Grading Scale- 100-90% A, 89.9-80% B, 79.9-70% C, 69.9-60% D, 59.9% and below F.

Late Work- Excused late work is accepted without penalty. Unexcused late work is accepted, with a 10% penalty if received before the assignment's grades are posted. Assignments received within two weeks after the grades are posted can receive 50% credit.