**Modern History**

**Course Description:**

This elective course is designed to familiarize students with current world events. Students will utilize the internet and various on line resources to research various news stories. Students will have varying topics throughout the semester including: Science/Health, National, International, Politics, Local, Business, Sports, Odd/Trending, Entertainment and Technology. Students will work independently or in groups to find daily stories dealing with their topics. The stories will be summarized in complete, grammatically correct sentences and submitted via email for 5 points daily. Students will also need to present at least one of their stories each day to the rest of the class. Stories will be compiled by the instructor and be emailed to each student as well as being posted on the website for a weekly quiz. Students will also select a year from the 70s, 80s, or 90s and present a PPT on that year for a final exam grade. A detailed rubric will be issued for this project.

Notes are posted on the class website as are major assignments and projects. Students are expected to participate and speak in class on a regular basis. Assignments are typically given in advance with more than one day to complete.

**Topics Covered:** National News

 International News

 Business

 Politics

 Local News

 Entertainment

 Odd News

 Science and Technology

 Health

 Education

 Religion

**Projects:** Specialized News Project

 70s, 80s, or 90s Year Final

 Current Issue Debate

**Current Events:**

An important part of this class is the regular discussion of current events. Students are expected to add to the discussion of events. Some current events will result in different opinions and feelings depending on the issue. It is important that students express their thoughts appropriately and that they are respectful of those opinions with which they disagree.

**Class Rules:**

1. Be Prepared
2. Be respectful
3. Have Fun

Discipline is rarely an issue in this class and is typically resolved before formal disciplinary steps need to be taken. No food, drinks, sleeping, hats or ear buds. Inappropriate use of cell phones or any other electronic devices is grounds for a classroom detention or other disciplinary measures.

**Grading:**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

0-59 F

Grades are earned by the student and not given by the teacher. Grades are based on earned points divided by total points that come from tests, quizzes, assignments, homework and projects. Generally there is no extra credit and periodic bonus points can be earned.

**Absences & Makeup Work:**

It is the student’s responsibility for any missed work. Assignments are posted on Sapphire and it is important that both the student and parent/guardian check their grades regularly for any missed assignments or grading concerns. No tests can be made up during regular class. Students need to make arrangements to take any makeup tests. Students must sign out and take a pass when they leave class for any reason. Participation points are deducted for behavior issues.

**Textbook:**

None

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I have read and understand the course syllabus and class guidelines: Modern History

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