Classroom Policies

**American History 8**

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**Conduct:**

* Be Prompt
* Be Prepared
* Be Responsible
* Be Respectful
* Participate!

**Grading Scale / Class Grade:**

98-100 A+ 93-97 A 90-92 A-

87-89 B+ 83-86 B 80-82 B-

 77-79 C+ 73-76 C 70-72 C- 67-69 D+ 63-66 D 60-62 D-

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***All*** assignments will receive percentage grade. The class grade is composed of a weighted average drawn from three major categories: “Test”, “Quiz”, and “Homework". Typical weights are: Tests 40%, Quizzes 40%, and Homework 20% of the overall grade.

**Homework:** The purpose of homework is to extend learning beyond the classroom.  Some collected assignments are intended to practice classroom skills.  Assignments are often unique learning opportunities that require an appropriate and accurate grade to assess student learning at a particular moment in which the skill or concept is most relevant.

**Incomplete Assignments:** Students are expected to complete all assignments given. Should a student fail to complete a classroom assignment he or she will report to Workroom during lunch the following school day. The student must bring a lunch from home as well as any materials necessary to complete the assignment. Once finished, assignments will be graded and recorded without penalty.

**Assessments:** Quizzes are given throughout the unit to assess student knowledge. They are challenging. Tests are generally given once per quarter in two parts; Day 1 is a traditional “final” while Day 2 is an essay exam.

**Extra Help:** I am always available during advisory. Students should see me for a pass.

# **What you need for class:**

*The American Journey* textbook

Folder for use in this class only

Bound notebook for use in this class only (notes)

Loose-leaf paper for assignments

Assignment notebook or agenda

**Some Of The Topics To Be Discussed This Year:**

## *Industrial America*

* Immigration
* Urbanization
* Industrialization

 *Modern Conflicts*

* Imperialism
* Spanish-American War
* World War I
* Origins of World War II

### *Economics*

* Basic Principles of Economics
* Contemporary Investment Options
* The Great Depression