

Coach Simmons

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Room 20

Conference Period (2nd period 9:11-9:59)

4th Grade Texas History, 6th Grade Contemporary World Studies, 7th Grade Texas History, 8th Grade U.S. History

Grading System

50% ---- Practice, Assignments, Quizzes, Projects

50% ---- Assessments, Test

Assignments – may consist of daily work, homework (worksheets, bookwork, research, computer, etc.) **Late work** will be accepted with 10 pts taken off per day late, but must be turned in within three days of assignment. After three days the assignment will become a zero. There will be **NO** corrections for daily assignments or homework. All of these grades will be final.

Quizzes – may cover any material discussed in class, any material covered on any assignment(current or past), and notes. There **WILL BE** an opportunity for retake of any quiz that is less than a 70. Students **MUST** approach me by the end of the day on the day that the grade was given to the student, and a retake will be scheduled. The highest grade the student can make on a retake is a 70.

Test – will usually be given at the end of units or chapters. Test will usually be multiple choice, with a few written response questions. There **WILL BE** an opportunity for retake of any test that is less than a 70. Students **MUST** approach me by the end of the day on the day that the grade was given to the student, and a retake will be scheduled. The highest grade the student can make on a retake is a 70.

Projects- will happen pretty frequently in my class. Projects will come in all shapes and forms, and will be treated as tests as far as grading. However, there is **NO** opportunity to re-do projects. All project grades are final, and will not be accepted late!

Extra Credit/Extra Assistance- will always be an option in my class. If a student is not liking their grade, and wants to improve it they are always welcome to ask me for extra credit throughout the year. However, extra credit is **EARNED**, and are usually pretty difficult or time consuming assignments that are available to everyone in the class. Extra assistance is also offered in my class. If the student needs things like extra study time, a quiet place to study, study tools to help them study at home, or time to make up an assignment, I will always make time for that student. However, those times are usually early in the morning due to me coaching after school. It is the students responsibility to get with me to schedule those times.

Expectations

- We **Respect** each other all day, every day!
- We give our best **Effort** 100% of the time.
- We take **Responsibility** for our actions.
- Have a **Vision** for the things we want to accomplish!

Cell Phones –All telecommunication devices and headphones/earbuds should be powered off and kept in students' backpacks. Backpacks are to be kept in lockers. In accordance with the 2023-2024 BISD student handbook, "*The district permits students to possess personal cell phones, smart watches, and other telecommunications devices for safety purposes; however, these devices must remain **turned off** during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for **approved** instructional purposes.*"

However, we have designated these times appropriate for secondary students to be allowed time with their personal devices:

- **Arrival**- Students may use devices until the 7:50am bell rings.
- **Lunch**- Students may use devices after they have been seated until 12:13pm.

- **Dismissal-** Students may use devices after 3:50pm each day.

If communication is needed, it should be carried out through the main office, or via email as students have access to their chromebooks throughout the day.

Lastly, in accordance with the 2023-2024 BISD student handbook, *“If a student uses a cell phone, smart watch or other telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The student or parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the main office for a fee of \$15.”*

Google Classroom – To join go to Google classroom and enter the code for your class period. Parents/Guardians may also join the class to keep up with assignments and notes for their students. Codes are case sensitive.

4th Grade -**u3cibu6**

6th Grade- **qkelvsr**

7th Grade- **kxnvpb4**

8th Grade- **y2ar6vx**

Suggestions

***Take Notes** – research shows that when you see, hear and write down concepts you are more likely to maintain the information.

*Participate in class discussion for maximum understanding.

*Schedule some extra time with me if you find yourself struggling with the material.

*Turn in assignments on time

Supplies

*Spiral or Composition book – just for taking Notes and answering Bell Ringers.

*Paper, Pencils, red pen (for grading)

Student

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please add any information that you feel will help me make your student be successful.
