

TEXAS HISTORY

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WELCOME TO GRADE 7 TEXAS HISTORY

TEACHER:

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CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT:

My classroom is an active learning environment. We will maintain respect for the educational environment that allows every student to learn in an atmosphere that is safe and void of unnecessary distractions.

PLANNING PERIODS:

(A1 & B4)

Tanglewood Middle School

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"History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are."

- David McCullough (Historian)

Code of Conduct

- HISD Code of Student Conduct
- Tanglewood Middle School Handbook will be enforced.

Class Expectations

Around here we will:

- Follow Tanglewood/HISD Policies
- Respect the education environment, instructors and peers
- Come to class prepared with needed supplies
- Come to class ready to learn, engage and work

Procedures

- Arrive to class on time/Sit in assigned seat
- Silently begin Do Now activities.
- Wait until called upon to speak/Do not speak over another student
- Update Agenda with upcoming events, assignments and due dates
- Clean immediate area/Wait to be released by the instructor

Consequences

- Non-verbal/verbal redirection
- Teacher administered consequence/Sent to the "Thinkery"
- Student conference with teachers/Parent contact
- Parent contact/conference with PLC team
- Administrative referral

Daily Supplies

- 3 ring; ½ inch binder – For History class only
- Paper, Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Highlighter
- Tanglewood Agenda
- Map Pencils
- Composition Notes book

FAQ's

Answers to the most common questions.

What will we be learning in Grade 7 Texas History?

Grade 7 Social Studies will cover the history of Texas from Native Texans through the 20th Century. State objectives can be found at the <https://tea.texas.gov/> website.

What is IB?

IB stands for International Baccalaureate. As an IB classroom students will work on interdisciplinary and individual activities that encourage the learner to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who respect the global community.

Do you give tests?

Students will be assessed using quizzes and exams to gauge student learning and comprehension. Each unit of study will be completed with an exam that will be recorded using IB criterion.

What learning resources will be used in class?

Primary and secondary sources will be analyzed throughout the course to develop deeper historical thinking about key events and details.

How will grades be taken?

Students will be assessed using the four IB criteria of Knowledge, Investigation, Communication and Critical Thinking. Each unit of study will be graded utilizing these criteria.

Can I get Extra Credit?

This course does not have “extra credit” assignments. If you are missing assignments it is the responsibility of the STUDENT to obtain the missing work and to complete it in a timely manner.

Where do I get my missing work?

In my class all assignments are numbered and organized according to the Unit Binder Log. Binder Log assignments can be obtained at www.harristhistory.com under the link Binder Log or in class in the blue assignment box.

How will you be communicating with parents/guardians?

Communication will be done using the class online website. Posts will inform parents and students on current and upcoming assignments, events and due dates. Please refer to www.harristhistory.com {Password: **dynamo**}

Late work/Missing work policy?

Assignments that are assigned a specific due date must be turned in on time in class on the scheduled day and class period. According to TMS policy students will have 3 days to turn in an assignment with a top IB score of 3 (75%). It is the responsibility of the student to track and turn in assignments on time. After three work days missing assignment will maintain its MSG grade scored in the HISD Gradespeed.

Student/Guardian Acknowledgement:

Student Name: _____

Parent
Name(s): _____

Parent
Email(s): _____

Parent
Number(s) _____

Parent Signature: _____