

## Coach Ricks – US History: The Early Years

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade US History! I am looking forward to an awesome school year. Please look this syllabus over and refer to as needed. Feel free to email me with any questions at [ricksr@santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:ricksr@santarosa.k12.fl.us), or send me a message thru the TEAMS app.

### CLASSROOM RULES

- Before you enter the classroom, turn your phone off and put it in your bag. We will have limited opportunities to use phones(Kahoot), but it is NEVER acceptable to have during instruction.
- Earbuds are not allowed.
- Class starts when you come into the room. Get to work writing in your planner!
- Be respectful of others and their property.
- Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking.
- Stay in your seat unless given permission – this includes at the end of class!
- No horseplay.

### BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1<sup>st</sup> offense: verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: meeting with teacher, seat reassignment

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: discipline assignment/call to parent

4<sup>th</sup> offense: dean referral

- Immediate dean referral: fighting, blurting obscenities, blatantly disrespectful to teacher/staff

### GRADING POLICY

- 60% Tests
- 25% Quizzes
- 15% Homework and classwork
- **No late work**
- No individual extra credit

### HOMEWORK

- Unless otherwise indicated on the planner, every assignment will be due the next day or the next time the class meets. Usually, a separate homework assignment is not given, but students should complete at home what is not completed in class.
- Reading for 20-30 minutes daily is a great homework activity!

### CLASS PROCEDURES

- Upon entering the room, students should sit at their assigned seat and get any homework that was assigned the night before, along with their planner.
- Copy the planner information from the board – we will have periodic checks
- If you have missed class, check the crate and calendar on the back counter for missing assignments
- Use the bathroom between classes.
- Do not pack up until instructed. Remain in your seat until the bell rings.

### EXTRA CREDIT

- You receive 10 bonus points on every test of the 9 weeks
- You lose 2 points any time you leave class
- In order to receive the extra credit you must have completed all assignments for the 9-weeks

### SEMESTER EXAMS

- January 14,15, 16 and May 24, 25, 26
- Please plan appropriately. Exams will not be given early!  
\*If students are absent 10+ days during the semester, they must pass the exam to pass the class.\*

### SUPPLIES

Please bring these to class daily:

- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Folder
- ✓ Notebook paper
- ✓ Colored Pencils for maps
- ✓ Highlighters

### ABSENCES & TARDIES

- If you are present the day an assignment is given and absent on the day an assignment is collected, it is due the first day you return to school.
- All work assigned during an absence must be collected from TEAMS or from me upon return and it is due within 3 days of the student's return to school.
- Graded work that is not turned in due to an absence will be marked "Z" in FOCUS until turned in.
- Once the allowed time has passed it will become a zero, and work will not be accepted.
- **Most of the work we do will be given out in a packet at the beginning of each chapter. If you miss school, you will be able to keep with your work by checking TEAMS, where each day's assignments will be updated at the beginning of the week. KEEP UP WITH YOUR WORK!**
- Do not arrive late to class. Repeated tardiness will result in a dean referral.

### ABOUT ME

- From Tallahassee, Florida
- Bachelor's degree in Social Science from Florida State University
- Currently certified in Social Studies, Exceptional Student Education, Health, and Physical Education
- I coach baseball at Pace High School
- I am starting my 23<sup>rd</sup> year as a teacher, my 20<sup>th</sup> year in Santa Rosa County, and my 4<sup>th</sup> at Sims!
- I love sports and politics and history!