

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade History - Honors**  
**Mrs. Gomez**  
**Room 110**  
**2019-2020**

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History. We will be studying American History from Colonial Times through the Civil War. Most of the reading will be done using online resources, although each of you will have access to a textbook as well. Most assignments will be posted online.

Each of you will **need** the following supplies every day for class:

- A one-subject spiral notebook for history notes only.
- A binder with lined paper
- Pens (blue or black ink only)
- Pencils
- Highlighters of various colors
- Colored Pencils/Crayons

You will be taking Cornell Notes and these notes will be written in your spiral notebook or online. Most written assignments will be turned in using Google Classroom

Homework will consist of tests, quizzes, workbook pages, presentations, projects and essays. I expect the homework to be done on time. If you do not complete the homework you will earn a zero for that assignment. **I do NOT accept late assignments.** I do give extra credit assignments periodically and encourage all students to complete them. However, a student cannot have more than 2 missing assignments per quarter to be eligible to complete extra credit. I will post your scores in Power School and will notify you of upcoming homework/tests/projects well in advance via planner/Google Classroom/email on a regular basis. It is expected that parents and students use PowerSchool to check grades. PowerSchool usernames and passwords will be handed out in the first few weeks of school.

Tests will consist of multiple choice, matching, and essay questions. All material for the test will be covered in the readings, the class discussions, your Cornell Notes and the workbook pages.

Grading is entirely point based. The amount of points assigned to an assignment depends on the length and complexity of the assignment.

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check with a fellow-student or check with me to see what you have missed. If work is due (or a test is scheduled) on the day that you are absent, I expect to receive that work the following class period and you should be prepared to make up the test that day as well.

Parents: The fastest and best way to reach me is through e-mail at [e.gomez@westside.k12.ca.us](mailto:e.gomez@westside.k12.ca.us) . You can also reach me at Hillview at 722-9993. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding my class or your child's performance and I look forward to a productive and rewarding school year!

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