

Mrs. Frazier

U.S. HISTORY

welcome!

You are now an 8th grader at Old Town Middle and we are ready to make it a great year. This syllabus outlines course content, expectations, rules, and responsibilities. I am just as responsible as you for the success of this school year and I will do my part but to pass you must do YOUR part. As a hall, we are working to prepare you for high school and have a higher level of expectations. We are also here to guide you through those expectations to help you be as successful as you can be. Please adhere to classroom, hallway, and school rules to maximize your education and make Old Town a great and safe place to be.



- Units of Study:**
- Exploration
 - 1st Colonies
 - Slavery
 - American Revolution
 - The Constitution
 - Early Government
 - Louisiana Purchase
 - War of 1812
 - Westward Expansion
 - Industrial Revolution
 - Civil War

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- Supplies:**
1. Pencils
 2. Highlighter
 3. Colored Pencils
 4. 1.5-2-inch binder
 5. 3 tab-dividers
 - . Class notes
 - . Vocabulary
 - . Study guides
 6. Notebook

Mrs. Frazier will not respond to emails after 3:40 pm or before 7:00 am Monday through Friday. Mrs. Frazier will not respond to any emails over the weekend. Mrs. Frazier will do her best to respond to PARENT emails within 24 hours- some days are crazier than others though!
* Students should not email Mrs. Frazier because they see her daily and can approach her with concerns, questions, or comments.

- Mrs. Frazier's responsibilities:*
- Teach U.S. History, culture, and respect
 - Keep all students safe
 - Create a calm, loving, and safe environment
 - Provide students with opportunities to be successful
 - Respect students and parents
- student's responsibilities:*
- Complete assignments
 - Respect Mrs. Frazier and other students
 - Submit work on time
 - Ask questions when help is needed
 - Follow classroom and school rules
- parent's responsibilities:*
- Reach out to Mrs. Frazier if you have concerns
 - Help Mrs. Frazier keep your student on the path to success
 - Reach out if you need help with your student
 - Respect school rules
 - Check your child's active student weekly



things to know:

Work:
ALL student work will be kept in individually labelled student folders stored in filing cabinets in Mrs. Frazier's class. Students will see their grades then file them during class.

Credit:
There will be plenty of opportunities to increase grades and succeed. **NO EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN.** Students must complete regular credit.

Grading:
NM- hasn't been put in yet/does not need to be made up
NG- grade is missing, can be made up
0- grade cannot be made up

Environment:
I work to make my classroom a safe place for ALL students. Bullying will not be tolerated. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Violence will not be tolerated.

binder set up:

1. Label binder- U.S. History
2. Tab dividers-
 - a. Class notes- these will help you on tests
 - b. Vocabulary- each unit will have vocabulary with WEEKLY tests
 - c. Study guides- each test will have a study guide, USE IT
3. Notebook- spiral bound, college ruled paper. These will remain in class, they are for our journaling activities and ELA enhancement activities

Class time outline:

- Bell ringers: 10-15 minutes. Warm up, journaling, reading, grammar, review quizzes
- Lesson: whole group instruction (lecture with notes), individual learning, or groupwork. Keep these papers in your binder
Activity: visual, hands on, or audio to help reinforce student learning
- Wrap-up: review quiz, game, final work submission- this helps Mrs. Frazier know if students have mastered material.

things i won't allow:

- **Food in class:** I like snacks too, but the crumbs attract things that crawl. You can have water
- **Bullying:** Everyone will be kind to one another and treat each other with respect, even when we disagree.
- **Bad attitudes:** I understand you have bad days because I have them too, but it is not an excuse to be rude to others. You are not too cool for school.
- **Cell phones:** I don't give many write-ups but your phone will be confiscated and taken to the office if you are on it in class.
- **Cheating:** Copying others, googling answers, copying and pasting from the internet, are all forms of cheating. If you are caught cheating you (and the person who gave you their paper) will get a 0 on the assignment.

classroom rules:

1. Be awesome.

What does that mean? Do ALL your work, be kind to everyone in the room, and give your best effort on every assignment.

- A. Always remain in your seat unless told to move around
- B. If you need something, raise your hand! Don't blurt out.
- C. Always be kind to others, even when they're being difficult

2. R E S P E C T

What does that mean? I want to be the best teacher you've ever had but I will not tolerate disrespect.

- A. You will have manners, you will be kind to your classmates and Mrs. Frazier, you will think before you speak, and you will control your temper.
- B. It's time to start growing up. Take responsibility for YOUR actions and control your emotions.
- C. Respects other people's personal space and property.

3. JUST DO IT.

What does that mean? Do your classwork, group work, test work, and following rules work.

- A. When you do your work with your best effort you will have success
- B. Rules are there to protect you, just follow them.
- C. If Mrs. Frazier asks/tells you to do something, it is to help you so just do it

4. Don't touch my stuff.

What does that mean? I love you but I do not want you near my desk or in my personal belongings.

- A. Do not touch: my desk, anything behind my desk, Abraham Lincoln, my chair, and most importantly, each other.
- B. When you enter class you will go straight to your assigned seat. No detours.
- C. I also don't want you touching each other. Sometimes it's hurtful and sometimes it's gross so just don't.

5. We will have discussion time and silent time, please understand the difference.

What does that mean? Don't talk when Mrs. Frazier or someone else is talking.

- A. You can talk during group, partner, or class work.
- B. I will not allow you to disrupt the education of others because you cannot be silent.
- C. Mrs. Frazier will let you know when it's time for you to talk and be silly!

By signing below, you agree to these rules, expectations, and responsibilities. I am here to help all students be as successful as they can be, please trust me on that! If you ever need anything, please email and let me help.

Parent name: _____ Signature: _____
Student name: _____