



7th Grade ELA & World History

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EXPECTATIONS ZOOM Classroom

- Show up! (on time)
- Be Respectful!
- Enter on mute.
- Video must be on at all times
- Your name visible on Zoom
- Find a quiet place or wear earbuds.
- Stay on task and focused.
- Use two devices if available.



English and World History Class

Welcome to 7th Grade and middle school! This year we will focus on World History. Our textbook is *TCI History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond*. We will use the 7th grade English Language Arts standards as our guide in reading, writing and grammar. We use the Momentum Writing philosophy as used across the district. Our English and History assignments will be integrated as much as possible.

In our class, we will also work on organization, time-management, responsibility and becoming lifelong learners. My goal as your teacher is to be sure you are ready for 8th grade and beyond, not just academically, but also personally.

The great thing about "Social Studies" is that it is social. This means that one of the crucial elements of our class is class discussion. Here are some rules that need to be followed in order to have a civilized discussion.

1. Listen (Listening is the most important tool you need to become a good speaker.)
2. One speaker at a time.
3. Discuss. Don't argue, put down, or name call.
4. Think before you speak.
5. You must back up your claims with evidence.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are based on 21st Century Learning skills that will help you grow as a learning and help you move into your future.

Communication & Collaboration (any written and oral work & group and partner projects)

Critical Thinking & Creativity

Content Knowledge (summative tests, quizzes, projects)

Class Participation/Work Ethic (contributions to the class and how class time is used, includes "practice")

Management (the timeliness of assignments, includes organization)

Reading (personal choice reading as well as assigned reading)

The lowest passing grade at POCS is a C- or 70%. If you get a D or lower, you will be placed on academic probation. You CANNOT fail the same core class twice.



Everyday Supplies

- Planner/Calendar
- Pencils and pens
- Highlighters
- Color Pencils/Markers
- Paper (college lined & plain)
- Earbuds
- 2 Devices - if possible
- Notebooks (optional for VL)

Class Expectations

- L – Listen with your full attention
- E – Enter class prepared & ready to learn
- A – Always give your BEST effort
- R – Respect yourself and others
- N – No excuses





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Foundational Rules

Foundational classroom and school rules are to be safe, respectful and responsible even during Virtual Learning (VL). All students are expected to be respectful to themselves, their peers, all staff, and our classroom. This means you will be prepared to learn and engage in meaningful discussions, keep an open mind, and be kind and courteous to your classmates and your teachers.

Learning Platforms

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| ❖ Google Classroom | ❖ Typing.com |
| ❖ Gmail and Google Calendar | ❖ ReadWorks |
| ❖ FlipGrid | ❖ NewsELA |
| | ❖ Nearpod |



Absent/Late Work Policy

Late Work – daily work that is not submitted by the beginning of class will earn half credit. All late work must be turned in the following Monday. (unless you have an extenuating circumstance)

Projects and writing assignments will be lowered ONE letter grade each week it is turned in late.

Absent Work – It is your responsibility to check the absent folder for any work you missed while you were absent. Your homework will not be marked late for a legal absence. Known long-term projects are due the day you return to school. For daily assignments, you have one day for every day you are absent to complete the work.

Tests & Quizzes – If you are absent the day of a scheduled test or quiz, you must make an appointment to do the make-up either before or after school within ONE week of being absent.

Homework Policy

During VL, your primary homework will be reading a personal choice book or class assigned novel. Additional homework **may be** assigned Monday through Thursday. Your homework is important and dependent on what we are learning in class. It's rare you will have weekend homework unless you have been absent, off-task in class or have a big project due. Planner or calendar use is mandatory!

Communication & Support

- Write everything in your planner or calendar
- Ask questions in class
- Make an appointment if you're absent or need extra help
- Email me if YOU have a questions
- Share ALL information with your parents
- Check in with your "buddies"



Technology Policy

More information will be coming as we establish guidelines for Virtual Learning. Initially, it's important to know that POCS will loan you a Chromebook if you do not have one or if you need another device. Please don't use your cell phone (if you have one) for personal conversation or personal use during class. Student assigned Gmail is used for school purposes only, and you must have a photo of yourself as your icon.

Dear Parents and Students,

Please fill out the form and sign below indicating that you have read and agree to the class policies and procedures. Thank you for your cooperation and support! Please kindly screenshot this page and post by the due date in Google Classroom.

(TIP: Insert text box everywhere you need to type or sign.)

Student Name _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Best way to reach you:

- Email: _____
- Phone: _____

Any questions, comments, or concerns for the teacher?
