

Dear Students,

2022-23 School Year

I'm excited to have you in my United States history class this year. We'll have a fun-filled year with lots of learning. U.S. History is a class that starts at the beginning and goes up through Civil War and Reconstruction. We also spend time learning about other areas of social studies including geography, current events, civics and government, good citizenship, etc. It is my goal that you'll not only know more about where we've been, but that you'll also know more about who we are as Americans, and what we can do to be involved and aware.

I expect you to have a pencil or pen each day and a folder or section of your folder with paper. I also recommend that you have a set of colored pencils. We use a variety of materials as we study history. We have a class set of textbooks, and you will be given the option of checking out a text if you would like to have one at home. We will be using Canvas school-wide as our online tool. We will be doing a variety of both online and hard copy assignments, and course work will be posted on Canvas as we progress through the quarter. It is important to bring your Chromebook charged with you each day to class.

We'll also do a writing reflection every week, usually on Mondays. You'll be creating your own personal history about your eighth-grade year. We'll keep these writing selections in the classroom, and they will be compiled into a journal at the end of the year.

We have a variety of projects, test and quizzes, and daily assignments. You'll learn about these as we go. Grades are organized in categories that are weighted 80% assessments and 20% assignments. Check your grade often as I try to keep grades updated a couple of times a week. Assignments are due at the first of class. Students who do their work on time almost always do better and learn more. You will need to turn in a late assignment voucher with assignments that are not completed on time. Assignments that are late will be accepted for up to two weeks after the end of each unit. No absent or late work is accepted the last week of the quarter. Students may relearn and retake assessments to ensure mastery. It is always best to prepare and perform your best the first time. Students who wish to retake an assessment need to complete the requirements before retaking a test or quiz.

Good behavior is expected and will help create a positive learning environment. Good behavior means coming prepared each day, being respectful and on time, displaying a winning attitude, and being ready to listen and learn. Cell phones and other electronics are not allowed in class and should be out of sight. Occasionally, we may use phones or music with permission, but otherwise they should be put away at all times. Of course, your behavior will be reflected in your citizenship grade.

We may be watching all or parts of the following movies to support our history curriculum: Squanto: A Warrior's Tale, Monty Python and the Holy Grail (clips only), and either Glory (edited for education version) or Gettysburg. If your parents don't want

you to view on of the listed films, they can email me at
kimberly.player@jordandistrict.org. Consider this your notification.

I'm sure we'll have a great year together. As we continue to move to standards-based grading, know that I am learning along with you. We will be focusing on specific state standards and learning them well. Come to me if anything is unclear or feels unfair. Please know that I want to help you to have the best experience in my class. Let me know how I can help you. I love history, I love teaching and learning, and I am excited to have you as a student in my class this year.

Mrs. Kimberly J. Player
United States History

I have read and understand Mrs. Player's policies and procedures.

Student Signature

Parent Signature