

Student Name: _____



Mr. Mitchell's Social Studies Class

Team 6D 2017-2018

Class website: mrmitchellclass.net

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 6th grade! I am looking forward to working with you over the next two years. It is very important that we approach these years as a partnership between the student, parent/guardian, and teacher. We need to all be on the same page, working for the same goal: A successful learning experience. Please read below for an overview of my class and sign indicating that you have read it. – Thank you.

1. Email/Contact: Parents – Please email me at mitchelltheodore@coventryschools.net. Send me your name and your child's name, so I can save the address and look forward to future communication. The best way to contact me is through email. Our school phone system is mostly ineffective. You can call the front office, but we don't have outside lines in the classroom.

2. Chromebooks etc.: The district will provide students with a Chromebook sometime in October. We do have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy that allows students to bring their own laptops or tablets if they want to use those. (This doesn't include smartphones in my class. There are times when students will be allowed to use them if they have them though, but don't expect to use them as your substitute device.) When all students have Chromebooks, ALL assignments will be online or digital.

3. Curriculum: The online lessons and content are password protected. Each student will be provided access information. Email me if you don't get that access information. We will cover U.S. history from the causes of the American Revolution to Westward Expansion. The goal of our curriculum is for students to understand the past in order to better understand the present.

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4. Google Classroom: All work will eventually be posted and should be handed in through Google Classroom. Each student will be given a code to sign up and access my page. Parents – Please have your child show you their Classroom account (when Chromebooks are issued) to regularly to see their ongoing and graded assignments online. Students – Stay organized and backup all of your work. I'll show you how to do this in the beginning.

4. Textbook: The class will mainly use the textbook: America's Past by TCI History Alive! The text is available online and linked throughout corresponding to the online curriculum. Printed versions will be made available when online access is not accessible.

9. Class and Department Website: All assignments will eventually be on Google Classroom and on my class website. If a student is absent, they need to make up missed work by checking and getting the assignments online. When in doubt, email me with any questions. A student may always print online content if that is necessary.

10. Agenda: I will continue to post what we are doing in class online (see my class website). I do my best to stick to this schedule.

11. Trimester Assignment List: All assignments covered and graded for the trimester will be listed here. They will also be under the Grades link, but this will tell you what grading strands each assignment falls under and provide you with an easy list of things we've covered to review for make-up work.

12. Grades: All grades will be posted online. Each student will receive a number so their grades remain anonymous. These are updated at least once a week. It is **YOUR** responsibility to stay on top of your work and keep track of your grades. (Contact me for the username and password). Social Studies Department rubrics will be used to assess all work.

Please sign below indicating you have read and understand the class syllabus above. I need a hard copy of this. You may always refer to this online on my class website.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

I look forward to a successful year,

Mr. Mitchell

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