

# MRS. LORAINS

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History

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**MEET** Before school with an appointment & after school

### HI THERE!

Welcome to 8th grade U.S. History. Students will confront the themes of freedom, equality, and liberty and their changing definitions over time. This course will explore the geography of place, movement, and region, starting with the Atlantic seaboard and then American westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and finally, Industrialization.

### Google Classroom

Your Google Classroom account is your access point for our classwork. Be sure to check for updates daily to ensure you are keeping up with assignments.



### MATERIALS



- ✓ 1 inch binder with loose leaf paper **OR** a notebook and a folder
- ✓ Pencil/Eraser
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Highlighters (green, yellow, blue & pink)

### GRADES

- 80% papers + projects (Summatives)
- 15% homework + classwork (formatives)
- 5% participation

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

**Unit 1** *The American Revolution*

**Unit 2** *From Confederation to Constitution*

**Unit 3** *Envisioning A New America & Divergent Paths of the American People*

**Unit 4** *Causes of the Civil War*

**Unit 5** *The Civil War*

**Unit 6** *Reconstruction*

**Unit 7** *Industrial Growth*

# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are required. It is **your** responsibility to find out what work you have missed if absent. You have two days for each day missed to submit the work.

## HONESTY

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Any assignment that is proven to be the work of anyone other than the student will be given a zero.

## LATE WORK

Late work will be accepted. You have one week after the missed assignment to turn in the late assignment; after that point, it will become a zero in the gradebook.

## TECHNOLOGY

Students are permitted to use chromebooks in class when assignment requires it. **No phones** or other devices are allowed. Students who abuse these privileges will have them revoked.

## GRADING

Please check your grades regularly on PowerSchool and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade.  
**\*Life happens** - If you realize that you need more time on an assignment to be able to do your very best you may ask for an extension. You must talk or email me **the day before at the latest** for the extension to be granted.

## MOVIE CLIPS

Movies are occasionally shown in class. All movies are PG, PG 13 or G. Movies that are PG or PG 13 are due to moderate violence during wars and a few inappropriate words. A signature at the bottom of the Course Expectations allows your child to view the movies.

## RE-DOs

Summative assignments can be redone. Before I will allow a summative assignment to be redone, all formatives must be turned in.

## I NEED HELP! NOW WHAT?

**1** Ask the teacher during an appropriate time, such as before school, during lunch or after school.

**2** Come in before school, after school or during lunch to get small-group or one-on-one instruction.

## BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1. Verbal warning
2. Student Conference
3. Parent contact (phone call, email, letter)
4. Discipline (detention, ect.)
5. Parent conference
6. Discipline referral to principal

**I have read and understand the course expectations for Mrs. Lorains class. (Detach and return this portion)**

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Student's Name

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Period

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date