COURSE SYLLABUS FOR WV HISTORY

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Course Description

This course is designed to help students in a detailed study of West Virginia, from the Pre-Columbian period to the present day. We will cover the geographic, cultural, political, environmental and economic factors that affect the state. Students will develop a national and global civic perspective and understand their responsibility as citizens of the state. Also, the students will become economically literate as they try to understand West Virginia’s place—as a producer and a consumer—in the market place for international goods and services.

Suggested Materials Needed For Class

Folder for class work, note book paper, and pencil(s), pencil pouch, and colored pencils, if you wish.

Grading Scale

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WV Course Standards and Objectives For WV History

Course Standards and Objectives for this course may be found on the WV Department of Education website. The CSOs will be used to direct the learning process. You may access (as a Word or PDF file and scroll down to the appropriate grade—8th) the CSOs by using the following link:


Teacher Expectations For The Classroom

1. Be prompt for class and with assignments.
2. Be prepared for class by bringing appropriate materials, which includes an independent reading book, homework, textbook, paper, writing utensil, etc.
3. Be positive with your attitude about school and this class by participating in discussions and classroom activities.
4. Be productive by taking responsibility for your work. Never put off till tomorrow what should be done today!!
5. Be polite and respectful to the SJHS Staff, fellow students, and the environment.
Teacher Expectations for the Student

Students are to **STRIVE** daily: Stay focused, Take responsibility, Respect everyone, Inspire others, Value education, and Expect success. Here are some of the finer points that will help you **STRIVE**:

1. Students, upon entering the classroom, are expected to complete their agenda book and the daily Starter. Talking to other students or delaying the beginning of class will not be tolerated.
2. Students are to exit the classroom in an orderly manner. The teacher will dismiss the class, rather than the bell or students.
3. Trips to the trash can are limited to the end of the class period. Students are expected to maintain their area in a neat and orderly manner.
4. Students are expected to fully participate in the daily classroom activities and to complete all work in a timely manner.
5. Students are expected to turn in homework, if assigned, on the next day of class. Thursday is Social Studies homework night. Study Hall will be held on Fridays. Be sure to listen for your name during announcements on Fridays because attending Study Hall is REQUIRED when your name is called! You may also voluntarily attend Study Hall as well.
6. Students, if absent from class/school, are expected to take responsibility for getting the missing work. This information be posted on Engrade—student account AND parent account. Due to the nature of some of the assignments, you may need to check the Make Up Work folders to get worksheets, etc. Please do not delay!
7. Students are expected to complete make-up work in a timely fashion. You will have one day per day of absence to complete make-up work (1 day absence = 1 day of make up time). Do not wait to get, complete, and turn in the missing work/assignment. If not completed in a timely manner, the grade for the missing assignment(s) will be become a zero.
8. Students are expected to complete their own assignment(s). Cheating of any type—*taking material from the Internet inappropriately, from another student, or a parent completing an assignment*—will not be tolerated. Assignment(s) completed by cheating will earn a grade of zero and will be given to all students involved. Also, you will be referred to the Principal/Vice Principal for additional consequences.
9. Students are expected to complete all assignments in a neat and orderly fashion. Handwritten assignments must be neat and legible in order to receive a grade.
10. Students are expected to use their two (2) Emergency/Bathroom Hall Passes (per semester) wisely. When using one of the Hall Passes, the student will raise their hand to speak with the teacher. Once permission has been granted, the student will produce the hall pass for the instructor's signature and sign out of the room. **REMEMBER**: You will have opportunities to visit the restroom during Breakfast, Grab N Go, Lunch, Pride Break or between classes. It is very important that you remain in class, unless it is an emergency.
11. Students are expected to treat equipment with respect. The Social Studies Department has received a classroom netbook lab. These are solely for our use. If using computers, students may open only the websites or programs that have been approved by the instructor. Games, instant messaging, and e-mail (other than Office 365) are not permitted and are in violation of the Boone County Schools Technology Policy. Please let me know if you are experiencing technical difficulties.
12. The Social Studies Department has fairly new textbooks. You will be assigned your own copy. Be sure to keep it neat and clean—No writing in the book!!!! Also, you can access the textbook on line. Information about this process has been sent to Engrade accounts.
SJHS School Rules For Success

1. Be respectful to peers, staff and school property
2. Demonstrate academic and social responsibility
3. Keep hands, feet, and comments to yourself.

Consequences of actions (Not following rules or expectations)

There are consequences for each of our actions. If you do not STRIVE daily, you may experience some or all of the following consequences:

- Verbal Warning
- Conference After Class
- Phone Call Home
- Noon Detention
- Office Referral

Engrade

Students and parents are provided with an Engrade account. I urge you and your child to log into Engrade on a regular basis. However, I do have one request. I request that parents log into their account and NOT through the student account. Many times, I use Engrade for class assignments and if you change the password, your child is locked out of the account and is unable to retrieve assignments. You will still be able to see your child’s grades/receive messages when using your account and your child will be able to STRIVE by accessing their own account. If you have questions, please let me know.

Golden Horseshoe Test/WV History Team

The Golden Horseshoe Test has been administered in West Virginia each year since 1931 and is the longest running program of its kind in any state. The top-scoring students in each county receive the prestigious award and are inducted as "knights" and "ladies" of the Golden Horseshoe. All 8th grade students enrolled at SJHS will take this test in February.

Also, in 2010, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History (WVDCH) issued a challenge to eighth graders to test their West Virginia history through the West Virginia History Bowl Tournament. Teams of students from around the state face off in an academic bowl competition that focuses on West Virginia history, literature, arts, architecture, geography, and culture. At the end of last year, several SJHS students expressed interest in forming a team for this competition. I anticipate that participation in this activity will require extra effort on the part of the team members as they must study in order to be prepared for the competition. Preparation will be on an individual and team basis, so we will meet occasionally at lunch as competition draws closer to practice. Parents, if you are interested in helping the team practice or sponsoring the team, please let me know. Your help would be appreciated!