Study Guide: students should use their notes taken during class, along with handouts, reports and the textbook to prepare for tests. A study guide will be given prior to each test and should be completed and returned for extra credit points. Students who complete the study guides usually do well on the tests.

Late Work: Late work will be accepted for 1/2 credit. If an assignment is due at the beginning of class, it will not be accepted later that hour without a 50% penalty.

Make-up work: It is the responsibility of the student to find out what work has been missed during class and to see that the work is completed and handed in. Work must be made- up within two days from the date missed. In order to make up a missed test, the student must schedule a time in advance either before or after school. Students in extracurricular activities should ask for assignments in advance of being absent from class. Teacher/student communication is very important! You have 2 days only for each day of class missed!

Other Important Items: You are given a book the first week of class. Hang on to it. In order to borrow another one, you must leave something valuable with me first. If you loose it, you buy a new one. They are $66.00. You MUST ALWAYS bring your book, a pen or pencil and some paper to class. I want a notebook especially for this class. A 1or 2 inch, three ring binder with dividers seems to be the best so we can add and remove papers easily. If you don't bring these items to class, it usually results in a Zero.

Classroom Behavior:

1) By the time a student reaches high school, he or she knows the expected proper classroom behavior. The only expectations I have in my classroom are that "Students are expected to attempt to learn" and "Students are expected not to interfere with other's attempt to learn." The responsibility for following these two simple rules lies with the individual student. Being prompt, coming to class prepared, respecting the rights and properties of others and being responsible for your own success are understood proper classroom expectations for any student. Students are expected and required to take this responsibility seriously.

2) I expect all of you to act like young adults. For this reason, there are very few rules in my class. The most important thing is for all of you to treat each other with respect, and dignity. Be KIND, POLITE, and HONEST. (Cheating earns a big fat zero. Whether it is my work or another teacher's) do not talk when I lecture. Do not get out of your seat and aimlessly wander around my room. DO NOT CRACK YOUR GUM! (It drives me crazy). If you bring anything into my room to eat or drink clean up after yourself! **I am not a Maid!**

I LOVE teaching history and government. Not everyone will grow up to be a mathematician or a scientist. But everyone, born here is a citizen. I hope you will learn to love America, her story, and participate in her government. If we as a people don't know where we've been, how can we ever decide where we're going? HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!!

Class Motto: This class welcomes all, embraces each, supports everyone and hopes that you find yourself better for having been here. Ms. H.

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Please have your parent(s) or guardian(s) look over the syllabus so that they will be familiar with the basics of what we do in social studies and then have one of them sign below, detach and return to me. **Keep this paper** {Course Expectations} in the front of your daily notebook throughout the year for reference.

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STUDENT'S NAME **CLASS NAME** **CLASS HOUR**

Dear parent or guardian,

Please sign below, signifying you have seen the social studies course syllabus. If your child returns it signed 10 points will be added to the first assignment. Hurry!

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Parent of guardian's signature **Date**