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8th Grade Advanced Ancient World History 2017-2018
Mrs. Lewis
Room 213

What will we study?

8th Grade Advanced Ancient World History is a year-long survey covering ancient through medieval world history. We will begin in the river valley civilizations and end with the Renaissance. This course continues in 9th grade with Modern World History.

What should I bring to class?

Binder, with LOTS of CLEAN paper
Pencil or Pen (Blue or black ink only)

Do we have a textbook?

Students may responsibly use the classroom set of textbooks during class time. Classroom textbooks are NOT to be removed from my classroom for any reason. Textbook pages and supplemental readings will also be found on Canvas. Students are also responsible for acquiring a copy of *Queen Eleanor*.

What are the class rules?

1. Students will follow directions.
2. Students will behave ethically.
3. Students will do their best to learn and to demonstrate their learning.
4. Students will not disturb others in the process.

Note: Please remember that cell phones are absolutely not permitted in the classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, lunchroom and locker rooms. Your phone should remain in your locker during the school day. Earbuds are only to be visible and used when given explicit permission by the teacher and are to be used only for educational purposes. Our classroom will follow the Acceptable Use Technology Plan for Mountain Brook Schools. Students should utilize technology and technology related resources with maturity, responsibility, and respect.

Learning is our main purpose in the classroom; therefore, I have high expectations regarding your behavior. Failure to meet the class expectations listed above will result in detention or disciplinary action.

How is my work graded?

Process work is work that may be assigned to enable the student the ability to practice their learning. These tasks may also include activities that reflect student participation, effort, work ethic, and overall performance in process related activities. Tasks may include, but are not limited to, activities assessed for completion and not accuracy, submission of required forms/paperwork, self and peer assessment of performance. Process work are not averaged into the student's grade, however, lack of attention to process work will most likely result in poor performance in formative work and summative assessments. Students scoring below 70 on a summative assessment will be *required* to complete remediation activities and reassess their mastery on a second/new assessment. Additionally, all students are provided one optional *requested* reassessment per nine weeks grading period. Social Studies assessments will be scheduled on odd calendar days.

Grades are weighted according to the following scale:

Process	0%
Formative	30%
Summative	70%

MBJH Grading Scale

90-100	A	80-89	B
70-79	C	65-69	D
Below 65	F		

Work is returned in class prior to being posted online. Grades are available online for both parents and students. A successful student will frequently check their grade average in the class. Missing assignments will be posted with a grade of "MA". These assignments caused by an excused absence can be made up for full credit. Assignments not completed on time for

other reasons can be completed for partial credit. A grade of "MA" will be posted until the assignment is complete or the unit assessment has been given. A blank grade usually indicates that the assignment has not yet been graded. A code of "EX" means the student has been exempted from the assignment.

How can I find out my assignments?

Classwork and homework assignments are written on the board each day. You may also find the due dates on my Canvas page.

What if I don't have my work?

Homework is given as an extension or preparation for the work we do in class. All assigned work is to be turned in. Late work will be accepted for credit as follows: work turned in within 2 days can receive up to 80% credit, any work received after 2 days can receive up to 50%. No credit will be given for work after the test for that unit has been given. Lack of preparation for class will impact your success. If there are multiple missing assignments, your parents will be notified. All late/missing work must be completed by one school week prior to the close of the grading period.

What if I was absent?

Makeup work is your responsibility. You will need to review my Canvas and Google Classroom pages to determine what you have missed in class and what work you will need to complete. Copies of material used in class are posted on Canvas. Check there first! Always check with a trusted classmate to find out what has been happening in class. If you have questions, please see me. You will have up to three days to make arrangements with me regarding completion of work.

What if I missed an assessment or a quiz?

An appointment must be made for all make-up assessments and quizzes. All make-up assessments are given at 7:00 am, Tuesday through Friday in Room 327. The format of the makeup may not be the same as the original assessment. Failure to attend a morning makeup session may result up to a 15% grade deduction, parent involvement and/or a grade of zero. Quizzes must be made up before or after school or during AO. It is your responsibility to make the appointments for all makeups.

Is there a place online to find out what is happening in class?

A successful student will use Canvas to check assignments, complete makeup work and review for assessments. Be sure you check it often!

Important Truths:

- Do your own work. Do not ask or offer to copy someone else's work. Exception is made for class notes and group assignments only. If you have questions, see me.
- A good set of class notes will leverage your success. Note-taking is a skill that we will pursue this year. Unless otherwise specified your notes may be in the format of your choosing.
- Take notes on assigned reading. Your notes are invaluable study tools.
- Ask for help.
- Take pride in your work and give me your best. Uncorrected spelling and capitalization errors are unacceptable for online work. If I can't read your handwriting, I can't give you feedback on your efforts.
- Communicate with me about questions, problems or concerns. Email me at lewisa@mtnbrook.k12.al.us or see me before school or during AO.

I am looking forward to a great year! I have read and understand the class guidelines.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

This document is to be kept in your binder at all times so you can refer to it.