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**SOCIAL STUDIES 8: *MODERN WORLD HISTORY: 1900 – COLD WAR***

COURSE SYLLABUS

HAZLETON ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022- 2023

 INSTRUCTOR: MR. D. ARNDT

CLASSROOM: 210

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A. DESCRIPTION

This course examines world events from 1900 through the Cold War. Emphases are on development of reading, writing, and communication skills through learning about historical people, places, and events during this time period. Students will develop skills through a series of assignments such as, but not limited to: map assignments, writing prompts, reading assignments, current events, projects, and class participation. Technology will be utilized for some of the above assignments.

B. ORGANIZATION

In this course, topics will be presented to you by the instructor with material needed to successfully complete the course. Each topic will include a variety of both classwork and homework assignments. PDNs are given daily to prepare students for evaluation. Each student is strongly encouraged to keep track of PDNs in their class notebook. At the conclusion of each topic, a summative test or quiz will be administered to evaluate each student’s growth in the course. Exams are given quarterly, with material coming from each respective quarter.

C. COURSE OBJECTIVES

* Students will examine world events from 1900 through the Cold War
* Students will develop reading, writing, and communication skills through learning about historical people, places, and events
* Students will develop interpersonal skills through class participation, collaborative learning, and cooperative learning activities.

D. COURSE TOPICS

This course will cover the following topics:

1. World War I: 1914-1918 – September to October

2. Inter War Years: 1919-1939 – October to November

3. World War II & The Holocaust: 1939-1945 – December to March

4. The Cold War: 1946-1991 – April to End of Year

E. TEXT & MATERIALS

Text: Ellis, E. G., & Esler, A. (2016). *World History: The Modern Era*. Boston, MA: Pearson.

All textbooks shall remain in the classroom for student reference. Any student wishing to take a textbook home for afterschool use may sign one out with the teacher.

Materials: Notebook – Can be spiral bound or loose leaf in 3 ring binder

Pocket Folder – Handouts and worksheets should be kept in here!

Pen/Pencil

Colored Pencils – Optional

***BRING THESE MATERIALS TO CLASS EVERY DAY!***

F. GRADING POLICY

Coursework will be graded as follows:

Classwork & Homework 25%

Quarterly Exams 25%

Unit Tests 25%

Quizzes/Projects 25%

Total 100%

ATTENDANCE is critical to your success in this class! If you are absent, a summary of class activities and any assignments will be posted on the class website. It is YOUR responsibility to make up any work, get notes from website/another student, etc. You will be given five (5) days upon arrival back to school to make up any missed assignments. Failure to do so will result in a grade of “0.”

LATE/MISSING ASSIGNMENTS will be accepted for half credit until the end of the marking period. After the marking period ends, late/missing assignments will no longer be accepted.

G. CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Be prepared for class: Bring a pen/pencil, notebook, a folder for any notes or handouts.

2. Cooperate with others: Respect each other’s opinions. Don’t talk when other students or the instructor is talking. Respect each other’s personal belongings and the instructor’s belongings.

3. Use Kind World & Actions: No foul language will be tolerated. Students should remain seated in their assigned seats at all times unless the instructor gives permission to move. Don’t throw any items across the classroom or at other students.

4. Complete assignments and turn them in on time!

5. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum in the classroom.

6. Follow all school rules and procedures set forth in your planner.

7. Remain seated at all times unless permission is granted to move.

H. DISCIPLINE POLICY

If you violate the above classroom rules of conduct, you will be disciplined in the following manner(s):

1. Verbal Warning

2. Reprimand & Parental Contact

3. Parental Contact, Write-Up, & Detention

4. In School or Out of School Suspension

I. EXTRA HELP/CONFERENCES

I am available for extra help to students before or after school by appointment. Students struggling in Social Studies or seeking the instructor’s assistance should schedule an appointment. Before school hours are 7:30-8:00 am and after school hours are 3:00-3:30 pm. Parents wishing to schedule an appointment with the teacher may also do so during this time.

J. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire Drill & Lock Down Procedures – see instructions posted in classroom

Classroom door will be locked at ALL times for students’ and teacher’s safety

Please sign and return the following slip to Mr. Arndt:

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I have read and understand the course syllabus for Social Studies 8: Modern World History. By signing below, I agree to all rules and policies set forth above.

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Student Signature Date