7th Grade American History 

Welcome to 7th Grade American History! This is a two-year (7th+ 8th Grade) course in which we analyze the history of the United States of America. This class will cover themes of history from the dawn of civilization through the Civil War.

In this class, we will discuss concepts, investigate political developments, and reconstruct events of the past. Our studies will include geography, culture, religion, economics, and politics. **Through our studies of the past, we will gain a better understanding of the world that we live in today.**

I will do everything I can to present course material in a manner that is both interesting and engaging. However, it is **YOUR** job to be prepared for class as well as bring a positive attitude into the classroom. I look forward to getting to know each one of you and *together* we will make this a very successful school year.

**CLASSROOM MATERIALS-**

* **A Positive Attitude**
* **Pencil**
* **Binder**
* **Laptop + Charger every single day**

**GRADING POLICY-**

All assignments in this class will be worth 100 points. Classwork, Homework, Quizzes, Tests, and Projects are all worth the same amount. Therefore, if you do poorly on a quiz or test, there is no need to stress, you can work hard on classwork and other assignments to support your grade. That being said, do not take classwork or homework for granted. Make sure you are completing all assignments to the best of your ability and handing them in on time. Some activities in class will be graded for participation/completion, so being focused during class and collaborating with group members can be an easy way to earn a 100.

The final grade is determined by combining all four-quarter grades.

* 1st Quarter=25%
* 2nd Quarter=25%
* 3rd Quarter=25%
* 4th Quarter=25%

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**CLASSROOM PROCEDURES-**

1. Upon entering class, take your seat, read the objective for the day on the board and be prepared for class to begin.
2. For certain days/activities, there will be a “Do Now” question on the whiteboard when you enter the classroom. You will discuss this question with a classmate and write down some quick thoughts, then we will discuss as a class.
3. Barring emergencies, late work will NOT be accepted for a full grade. If an assignment is turned in a week late, student will lose 10 points. If more than a week passes by, the highest the student can earn is a 50%. Please come discuss with me if you have any questions or need an extension on an assignment.

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS-**

Allegany-Limestone MHS is a bully-free zone. There is a no tolerance policy for bullying of any kind.
During class discussions, you are permitted to disagree with another student's views, but you must always respect their right to express their opinions no matter how much they differ from yours. I will not

tolerate any bullying, name calling, or arguing among students. If such an occurrence happens, school administrators will be notified and parents will be contacted.

Please read the Allegany Limestone MHS’s code of conduct, all policies/procedures will be enforced in my classroom and **must be followed at all times**.

**TEACHER AVAILABILITY-**

I will be available before school and after school on most days but please see me before staying after. I strongly encourage students to see me if they need help with their homework, to study for tests or to catch up on missed assignments.

Parents are also encouraged to contact me with any concerns. I am available before or after school. I can take parent calls at 716-375-6600 Ext. 2163. If you call during the school day, please leave a message and I will try my best to return your call within 24 hours. My email address is lklice@alcsny.org and is my preferred method of communication for initial parental communication.

 **CHEATING-**

While working in groups will be a part of our classroom procedure, there is a big difference between sharing ideas and copying work. Any student caught copying or claiming someone else’s work as their own will receive a zero for that assignment and your parents will be notified.

**YOUR EXPECTATIONS** **-** Please list **three** things that YOU will do this year that will help you reach your full potential.

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**I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS:**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN AND TURN IN TO ME FOR YOUR 1ST GRADE OF THE YEAR.**