

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for Mr. Eisenberg's U.S. History and Government Classes

Q: Why is it so hot in here?

A: I think we all know the answer to that one...

Q: What do I need in order to be considered "prepared" for class?

A: You need a notebook every day, I recommend looseleaf. You will need pencil and pen. You can expect to need a pencil for every exam. We will keep textbooks in the classroom, but you must always have your "packets" (copies from a review book) with you.

Q: What's the summer school's attendance policy?

A: 3 absences is the limit.

Q: OK, I'm in class. Now what do I have to do?

A: You must participate actively in this class. Your participation grade is equal to 25% of your grade. This can be an easy way to help your grade. Naturally, if you do not participate often, or if you disrupt the learning process, it will hurt your grade. Think about it this way, if you don't participate, you'll have to listen to me all day, every day.

Q: Do you give a lot of homework?

A: I do not believe in giving homework just to keep you busy. I only give homework that is part of the curriculum, and that adds to an understanding of our work in class. However, we have fewer than 25 days to try to cram in an entire curriculum, so you will have homework almost every night. You will lose 5 points off your HW grade for each one missing.

Q: How often will we have tests?

A: Major exams will be \approx 1 per week. There will be quizzes in between, practice essays for grades and the occasional surprise!

Q: How will my grade be determined?

A: It will consist of several parts. Your homework grade is 15%. Test grades will figure in as 60% of your grade, with participation taking the remaining 25%.

Q: What about extra help?

A: I offer extra help almost every day after school. Simply let me know that you plan to attend.

Q: Why haven't you addressed conduct in class yet?

A: Because you either are currently, or are almost a senior, and we both know that you know how to behave in class. At this age, failure to behave properly is a choice. A foolish choice which simply wastes everyone's time.

Q: What will we cover this year?

A: Certainly, we must cover the history of the United States. However, some of you must take a state exam at the end of the summer, so we will also pay attention to test-taking strategies, and those areas in particular that show up most often on the exams, such as current events. Those not taking a Regents exam must take an in-class final.

Q: Will we see any movies?

A: Yes. Of course, we are pressed for time, so we cannot see more than one full-length film. As with any other classroom activity, we view part of a movie or TV show if it will help you to understand a part of the curriculum. I also hope you will enjoy it!!!

Q: What is the school's policy regarding iPods and cell phones?

A: The same as it has been since you entered high school in 9th Grade. Although you may have electronic devices with you, you are not permitted to interrupt class with them. There is no reason that these devices should ever go off in class. Should there be an urgent situation that requires your immediate attention, your family can easily get in touch with you via the summer school office. The phone number is **228-5379**. The administrators and secretaries will not hesitate to get you out of class if your parents call with an emergency. Please make certain your parents/guardians are aware of this policy and the phone number.

Q: Do you have a web site?

A: Of course!! included is a separate page for U.S. History, and there are some links that you may find useful, including a copy of this document. The address is: <http://www.abcandj.com/socialstudies.html>. I will also post key documents and other information on the Microsoft Classroom.

These are some of the questions that you may have. If any of the answers are unclear, ask, and I will clarify. If I have failed to anticipate an important question, please ask! That is why I am here!!!!

Please download these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) from my web site at <http://www.abcandj.com/students.html>, and along with a parent or guardian, please sign and return a copy to indicate your awareness of and willingness to meet the expectations for this class. Please do this by Friday July 7th, 2017. Keep this copy for your own reference.

I understand the rules and expectations explained above, and I will follow them. I understand that doing so will help the chances of success for myself and for the class as a whole.

Student

Date

Parent

Date