

# STUDENT CONTRACT

*“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future”  
- Theodore Roosevelt*

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES:**

Students are expected to abide by the rules of the school as well, as the rules of the classroom.

- The student will respectfully enter the classroom and sit in his/her assigned seat before the bell rings.
- The student will take his/her homework out.
- The student will silently begin the Do Now once his/her homework is out.
- The student will record the homework assignment in his/her planner when the homework is assigned.
- The student will pack up his/her belongings once the teacher has completed the lesson and given permission.

## **What if:**

- Mr. Patafio has his hand raised you will immediately do the following.
  - First, stop what you are doing
  - Second, turn and face me, pay attention, and keep your eyes on me.
  - Third, be ready for my instruction.

- You have to get Mr. Patafio’s attention?

Raise your hand and wait quietly until I call on you.

- You need to use the restroom?
  - Students are required to use the restroom **before** class begins.
  - In the event of emergency, quietly point to the door. (Bathroom signal)

***BE KIND... BE PRODUCTIVE... BE RESPECTFUL!***

## ***Be Kind***

- Students will refer to fellow classmates by their name, and only their name.
- Students will listen when someone else is speaking.
- In general, students will treat others as they would like to be treated.

## ***Be Productive***

- ***SUPPLIES***: Students will come to class ON TIME and PREPARED with a notebook/binder, textbook, pencil, and homework.
- Cell phones, iPods (mp3 players) and other electronic devices are prohibited in the classroom.

### ***Be Respectful***

- Students will respect themselves and others by using appropriate language. Inappropriate and vulgar language is NEVER permitted
- Students will respect school property and the property of others by not vandalizing it: no graffiti, littering, etc.

### **GRADING POLICY:**

Students will be graded on the following components:

<b>Tests</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>10%</b>

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>
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### ***TESTS/QUIZZES (40% / 30%)***

- Tests will be given at the end of each chapter.
- Make-up tests will only be given to students who have an excused absence that is documented.
- Any student caught cheating, talking, etc., during a test or quiz will receive a zero.
- Quizzes will be given throughout the chapter to assess the student's knowledge of the lessons covered.

### ***PROJECTS (20%)***

- The purpose of a project is to creatively understand Social Studies and bring history to life.
- Each project will be accompanied with a rubric to explain what is fully expected of them.

### ***HOMEWORK (10%)***

- The purpose of homework is for a student to practice and to reinforce what was learned in class that day. Because of this, homework will be given every day.
- Homework will be checked every day and will serve as part of the student's grade.
- There will be random notebook checks throughout the year. The check will occur at the end of class, and the purpose is to make sure the student took appropriate notes for that class. It will count as one homework assignment. The student will either receive a 100% or a 0%.

### ***PARTICIPATION***

- Students are encouraged to actively participate in class.
- Questions are always welcomed in class; there is no such thing as a "bad" question.
- Effort will be recognized, appreciated, and rewarded.
- Students will work both individually and in groups throughout the school year.

***NOTEBOOKS***

- An organized notebook or binder is a vital tool for student success.
  - Students are required to bring their Social Studies notebook/binder every day.
  - The student must also have a folder to organize and keep graded work.
  - There will be at least one notebook check per quarter.
  - Some quizzes will be open notebook quizzes, so it is beneficial to take and keep good notes.
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**I have read the rules and understand what the requirements are for successful completion of the course.**

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**Print Student's Name**

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**Parent/Guardian's Name**

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**Student's Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

**Class Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_