2016-2017 Syllabus

Teacher: Mr. Groner

School: St. Francis Preparatory HS

Classes: Social Studies 9th Grade Global/ 11th Grade USH

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**Class Description for Grade 11:**

During this class students will be studying United States History. They will continue to learn how analyze and synthesize information regarding political, social economic, technological, and cultural developments. Additionally, students will continue to practice keys skills like note taking and essay writing. In eleventh grade students will be asked to complete more take home and in class writing assignments in preparation for the upcoming Regents exam.

**Texts:**

Grade 11: **Ipad text book**

11th graders will be utilizing the latest edition of the regents review book throughout the second half of the year.

**Daily Expectations:**

Students are expected to be prepared and on time each day. They must have a pen or pencil as well as a 1 inch binder with loose leaf every day. It is also expected that students bring in homework and other assignments on time when necessary. Any student who arrives late or unprepared to class will be penalized via class participation grade for that day. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE CHARGED IPADS..

**Late Work:**

Homework will not be given every night. However throughout each unit there will be at least a few homework assignments. Late work will be accepted only 1 day after the original due date at 20% penalty. It will not be accepted after that. Also, it is the student’s responsibility to hand in their late work as they will not be prompted to do so after the due date. Any assignment not turned in will result in a 0.

**Quizzes:**

Quizzes announced or unannounced will be given at least once per unit. The amount of quizzes will be based on student success and behavior throughout the quarter.

**Projects or Essays:**

Major projects or papers will be assigned occasionally throughout the year. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST ONE ESSAY ASSIGNED PER QUARTER. Most likely these will be given in the place of a chapter test and not in addition to it. Therefore these will be graded as if they were tests and weighted the same for end of quarter grades. A paper or project will not be accepted more than ONE day past the due date. Any projects not handed in will result in a ZERO.

**Tests:**

Tests will be given at the conclusion of each unit unless there was a special paper or project given.

**“WILT” Notebook:**

The “WILT” notebook will be completed daily on the students Ipads. It will list 3-5 things the students learned for that day. At the conclusion of each quarter students must submit the assignment via email. Students will be asked to decorate each entry with photos and/or videos. This assignment will be a 100 pt. grade for each quarter.

**Attendance Policy:**

Class attendance at St. Francis Prep is a major priority. All students are required to complete all required work even if they are absent.  If a student is absent from class 6 or more times for any given quarter, this will be considered excessive absence. This will result in a mandatory 5 point deduction from the quarterly grade. Please be advised classes missed due to lateness or early dismissal will be included in this group. Retreats, school trips, and official appointments will not count as absences.

 **Grade Calculation:**

\*\*grades in this class are not given they are earned.
Each assignment will be assigned a total number of points.

Large assignments such as tests will be scored out of 100 while small homework or in class assignments may be scored out of 25 or 50 depending on the depth of the assignment.

The WILT notebook will be scored as 100 pt test once per quarter.

Each quarter will contain about 650-850 available points. A students GPA can be calculated by simply dividing point earned into points available. Example 600/800 would equal a 75 and 720/800 would equal a 90.

**Non-Negotiable:**

**\*No students may use the restroom in the first 5 minutes of class or last five minutes unless it is a dire emergency. This time is used for specific important tasks where attention and attendance is necessary.**

Cell Phones, and all other unapproved devices are not to be used or taken out during class. Each student will receive one warning to put away the device if they fail to do so it will result in a loss of points on an upcoming assignment or test. If the problem persists it will be reported to the Dean’s office.

Any use of foul or derogatory language or “bullying” directed toward the teacher or another student will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this rule will follow the “General Sequence of Consequences” listed below.

\*\*\*All other school rules such as dress code will be enforced in the classroom at all times. All school appointed punishments will apply if these rules are broken.

**General Sequence of Consequences:**

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning to stop

SECOND OFFENSE: Student pulled aside talked to after or during class

THIRD OFFENSE: Call home to parent or guardian

FOURTH OFFENSE: Mandatory parent/guardian teacher conference will be arranged.

**I look forward to a fun and exciting year with my students. I promote a safe and comfortable classroom environment that promotes learning and group cooperation. I view each of my classes as a team and if each team works together to help each other we can all reach optimal success.**

Student Signature: Parent/Guardian Signature: