

MEDIEVAL WORLD HISTORY CHRONICLE

2017-2018

WELCOME!

Your student is enrolled in my 7th grade Medieval World History class this year. Students in Grade Seven Social Science study the social, cultural and technological changes that occur in Europe, Africa, and Asia in the years 500-1789 C.E. Your student will be creating an Interactive Student Notebook (ISN). The ISN is a great tool for developing students to stay organized and to be creative, independent thinkers and writers. Students will be taking notes as well as producing artistic activities to enhance their learning. Please check your student's ISN often to make sure all work is getting done promptly.

classroom policies and procedures you should be aware of:

- Student Planner: Parents, it is helpful if you look at your child's planner often, and double check what assignments are due.
- Extra Credit -- students have the opportunity to earn extra credit by doing beyond the required work.
- Absences - when a student is absent, she/he is expected to check balvanera.weebly.com/ or ask Mrs. Balvanera for information about class activities and assignments missed.
- Missed work should be marked "Absent/Excused" in the upper left-hand corner and submitted within three days of returning to school.
- Online grade information will be updated as often as possible.
- Be proactive! Check student grades and class information regularly.

Communication is key to a healthy relationship between teachers and parents. If you have any questions about this class, please feel free to contact me, and I will reply as soon as possible. I am looking forward to working with you and your student this year!



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Classroom Rules

BE ON TIME

Students are expected to be seated when the bell rings.

BE PREPARED

Students are expected to come to school each day with needed school supplies

BE ON TASK

Students are expected to complete assigned classwork and homework.

BE RESPECTFUL

Students are expected to be respectful to one another as well as to adults on campus.

HOMWORK POLICY

Homework is an essential part of this class. Students will be doing reading assignments as well as other activities that support his or her in-class learning. It is important that your student's homework is completed and on time. That said, when the unexpected happens, please contact me. I'm here to work with you and your student. I will accept late assignments up until the end of the chapter we are studying. Once students take the chapter test, late work will not be accepted for that particular section. All homework assignments for the week can be found on <http://balvanera.weebly.com/> and your student's planner.

Late Work: Any classwork turned in late will have the grade lowered by one letter grade. This does not apply to work turned in after an excused absence, but make-up work should be completed as soon as possible after returning to school.

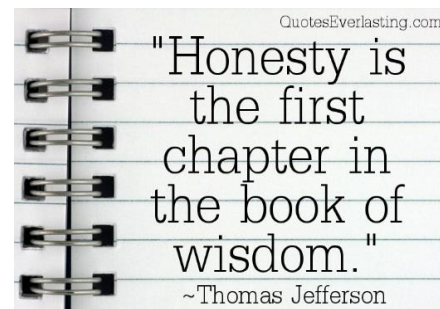
Excused Absences: It is the student's responsibility to write "absent-excused" in the upper left hand corner of the paper if it is turned in late due to an excused absence.

DBQ's (Document-Based Questions) Essays. Your student will be using primary sources to write one to two historical essays this school year.

Supplies

You should come to class with the following materials every day.

1. College Ruled Composition Notebook (only for History) – No spirals, they fall apart too quickly.) needs to be brought to class no later than Wednesday, 8/23.
2. Pens – dark blue, black, red, green
3. Two pencils
4. One hand-held sharpener
5. Highlighters
6. Lone Hill Planner
7. Colored pencils and markers
8. Personal Reading material (such as your favorite book for SSR)
9. Two glue sticks and tape



Academic Honesty

For this course, students are expected to try their best. Collaborative study is not academic dishonesty when specifically permitted by a teacher.

Examples of academic dishonesty:

- Copying or letting another student copy homework
- Looking at another's student's paper during a test
- Taking someone else's assignment and submitting it as your own
- Copying materials from the internet without clearly citing or identifying as such
- Helping another student to cheat on a test or assignment

Any instances of academic dishonesty will result in a zero for the assignment. If papers are shared, and answers are copied, BOTH students will receive a zero. No opportunity to make up the assignment will be allowed. A referral may follow.