

Student Name: _____



Mr. Mitchell's Social Studies Class

Courageous Camels Team 2014-2015

[Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School](#)

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 8th grade! I am looking forward to another year with all of you. Looping makes things much easier, since you already know how things run in my class. Regardless, please look over the updates/topics covered below and sign, so that I can make sure that we are on the same page. Please read carefully.

1. Curriculum: We will start off the year with the [East Asia Unit](#). (You can see the rest of the units online under curriculum). Given that the district has invested in 1:1 devices for all students, there is so much content at your fingertips. The goal of our curriculum is for students to understand the past in order to better understand the present.

2. Portfolios: Each student will be required to save their work in their Google Drive or in their portfolio folder. Most work will be digital though. Remember: Save your work! (It's back up if I make a mistake in my gradebook. I'm human. Therefore, I make mistakes. Cover yourself.)

3. Current Events Blog: I really hope to use this more this year. Given that there will be less testing in my class this year (Thank new state legislation!); we should have more time to keep abreast of current news topics.

4. Textbooks: The class will use two textbooks this year: [Prentice Hall's World Explorer The Ancient World & Medieval Times to Today](#). The texts are available online and linked throughout corresponding to the online curriculum (see me for the password).

5. Email/Contact Me: trmitchell31@yahoo.com The best way to contact me is through email. My Yahoo! Account is much more dependable than my school account. Alternate email: ted.mitchell31@gmail.com

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6. Student and Parent Email: Students should already have a Coventry Schools email account. If any parents haven't already emailed me, please do so ASAP. It is a great way to update you on the progress of your student.

9. [Class](#) and [Department Website](#): All assignments are online on my class website. If a student is absent, they need to make up missed work by checking and getting the assignments online. When in doubt, email me with any questions.

10. [Agenda](#): I will continue to post what we are doing in class online. I do my best to stick to this schedule.

11. [Trimester Assignment List](#): All assignments covered and graded for the trimester will be listed here. They will also be under the Grades link, but this will tell you what grading strands each assignment falls under and provide you with an easy list of things we've covered to review for make-up work.

12. [Grades](#): All grades are posted online. These are updated at least once a week. It is YOUR responsibility to stay on top of your work and keep track of your grades. (Contact me for the username and password)

Please sign below indicating you have read and understand the class syllabus above. I need a hard copy of this. You may always refer to this online.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

I look forward to another successful year,

Mr. Mitchell

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