

Student Name: _____



Mr. Mitchell's Social Studies Class

Team Cyclone 2016-2017
[Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School](#)

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 8th grade! I am looking forward to working with you for another year. Please read over or review the items below to update yourself and sign at the bottom.

1. Email/Contact: Parents – Please email me at ted.mitchell31@gmail.com. The best way to contact me is through email. Our school phone system is mostly ineffective. My Gmail Account is much more dependable than my school account (this goes down many times during the year). School email:

mitchelltheodore@coventryschools.net

2. Chromebooks etc.: The district has provided students with a Chromebook, but we have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy that allows students to bring their own laptops or tablets if they would rather use those. (This doesn't include smartphones in my class. There are times when students will be allowed to use them if they have them though, but don't expect to use them as your substitute device.)

3. Curriculum: The online lessons, etc. are password protected. Email for access. We will start off the year with the [Early Humans Unit](#). 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.

4. Google Classroom: All work will be posted and should be handed in through Google Classroom. Each student will be given a code to sign up and access my page. Parents – Please have your child show you their Classroom account regularly to see their ongoing and graded assignments online. Students – Stay organized and backup all of your work. I'll show you how to do this in the beginning.

4. Textbooks: The class will use the textbook: [Prentice Hall's World Explorer The Ancient World](#) The text is available online and linked throughout corresponding to the online curriculum (see me for the password).

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9. **Class and Department Website**: All assignments are on Google Classroom and 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 a successful year,

Mr. Mitchell

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