**Course: American Cultures**

**Teacher: Mr. Keller**

**Text: Prentice Hall: History of Our Nation**

**Textbook Website: http://www.phschool.com/atschool/ahon09/index.html**

**Timeframe:** North American Colonialism through Reconstruction

**Here is a list of all the units and the chapters within them that will be taught in 9th grade American Cultures here at Muhlenberg School District.**

**Unit 1: Beginnings of American History**

* Chapter 1 Roots of American People
* Chapter 2 Europe Looks Outward
* Chapter 3 Colonies Take Root
* Chapter 4 Life in the Colonies

**Unit 2: Forming a New Nation**

* Chapter 5 The Road to Revolution
* Chapter 6 The American Revolution
* Chapter 7 Creating the Constitution

**Unit 3: The New Republic**

* Chapter 8 Launching a New Nation
* Chapter 9 The Era of Jefferson
* Chapter 10 A Changing Nation

**Unit 4: The Nation Expands and Changes**

* Chapter 11 North and South Take Different Paths
* Chapter 12 An Age of Reform
* Chapter 13 Westward Expansion

**Unit 5: Civil War and Reunion**

* Chapter 14 The Nation Divided
* Chapter 15 The Civil War
* Chapter 16 Reconstruction and the New South

**Grading**

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

**-Tests**

Unit tests, midterm test, and final

**-Quizzes/Writing Prompts**

**-Projects**

**-Homework**

**-Classwork**

**-Class Participation**

Behavior, participation, coming to class prepared

**Social Studies Grading Policies**

**Late Work Policy**

**What happens if…..**

I don’t do a homework assignment?

·        You MUST do this work during Power Period or on your own.

      What will my grade be?

·        Half credit if it is submitted within 48 hours/2 school days.

·        More than two days? The assignment must still be done but the grade earned will only be a “1” meaning that it has been done.

      Why must I still do it?

·        Because the learning of this information is important for future assignments and assessments!

**What happens if….**

      I don’t do a long term (formative OR summative) assessment such as a take- home test, project, essay etc.)?

·        You will get 10% deducted (from the grade you earned) per day it is late!

**Retest Policy**

No retests will be given in American Cultures 9 unless extenuating circumstances exist and are discussed and agreed upon by the teacher.  However, students who score below a 75% on any major exam (excluding midterms and finals) may do an item analysis on any question they answered incorrectly until their grade for that assessment reaches a 75%.  The item analysis sheet must be printed out and done correctly following all directions for make-up points to be received. This must be done during power period in the social studies classroom within two school days of the assessment.

**Testing Policy**

 All exams must be completed during the time allotted by the instructor.  Any portions of the exam not completed will result in that portion being marked incorrect unless extenuating circumstances are present and are discussed and approved by the teacher.  All students are required to have their materials, especially a #2 pencil, and anything else needed for the exam.  Failure to come prepared may result in a penalty of 10% being deducted from the assessment.

**Plagiarism/Cheating Policy**

 Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will result in a zero grade for the whole exam, project or any other kind of assessment.

**Class Rules:**

1. Be kind, courteous and respectful to the teacher and fellow students.

2. No food or drink in the classroom.

3. Leave your area (desk and the surrounding floor) as clean as it was before you came into the room.  Clean up any trash before leaving.

4. Be prepared for each class.  Students should always bring their binder, writing utensils, books and any other assigned materials to class.

**I hereby acknowledge and agree to the policies and procedures .**

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_