

TO: U.S.History Students

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SUBJECT: U.S.History at Cornerstone  
Academic Year 2011-2012

I am most pleased to have the opportunity to share my love of history with each of you. In order for this to be a rewarding experience for us, I offer the following guidelines:

- The text book is the primary source of study. You are expected to thoroughly digest the contents of each Chapter. If you understand the questions asked in each Chapter Review you will be well on the way to success in the course.
- Homework assignments are the foundation of your studies. The text book is the source of most quizzes, tests and questions on exams.
- Classroom time is our time to expand, explore, debate, question and evaluate the vast expanse of historical material which supports the period we are studying.
- If you “blink” you will miss a decade or more of history. Hopefully, you will not be absent from what little time we have together. A ‘Buddy’ system will be created so that if you miss a class your ‘Buddy’ will assist in updating you. YOU are ultimately responsible for all assignments.
- Taking of notes and maintaining a notebook is a lifelong requirement. That is all I will say about this important function.
- A typical day in the classroom will begin with a prayer, review of current events (I expect you to be aware of the world around you. Read the newspaper, listen to radio newscasts, watch TV news, etc.) , turn in homework, quiz, lecture/video/guest speaker/skill challenges/map exercises/or other special activities.
- Evaluations will be based on the following: quizzes, tests, exams, major projects (one per year- 2d Semester), and class participation. A progress report will be provided at mid-semester and a written evaluation will be issued at the end of each semester.
- Expect to participate in at least one field trip. This will be planned with the help of interested parents. I solicit your ideas.

You are expected to come to class in September having already studied the first three chapters.

You can contact me at any time: (410) 721-4058; Email -wph3@comcast.net

Have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. See you in September.