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Grading Policy

Your grade in American Studies will be determined based on the total of points you earn during a marking period (quarter).

**To calculate your grade I will:**

1. Add up the total points you earned in the quarter
2. Take that number and divide it by the total of points possible for the quarter.

**EXAMPLE:**  Points you earned = 850

 Points Possible = 925

 850 divided by 925 = .918 x 100

 Grade is 92%

**Homework:** Homework point totals, on average, will be between 5-10 points. I will assign homework on as needed basis. It will consist of reading assignments, writing assignments, worksheets, current events, research (information gathering), and journal checks.

**Tests/Quizzes:** Tests will be given at the end of each Chapter and will be worth on average 100 points. Quiz point totals can range from 10 to 50 points. The number of quizzes matches the length of chapter. Students will receive a least one week notice before a test scheduled and three day notice before quizzes. In the event a student is absent it is his/her responsibility to schedule a time to retake the test or quiz he/she missed.

**Notebook/Journal:** Notebooks play a major part in daily class activities. Students will need a three ring binder (minimum 1 inch spine) and are responsible for keeping it neat and organized. Notebooks are graded by open notebook quizzes throughout the marking period that will add up to one test score.

**Projects** Projects are typically done in class, with some parts assigned as homework. The point totals range from 25-150 points. Each assignment will have a project sheet and grading rubric.

**Textbook (s):** This year’s textbook is Prentice Hall’s  *America: History of Our Nation,*

books are expected to be covered at all times.

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I have read and understand Mrs. Young’s classroom expectations and

grading ~homework policies.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Homework Policy

**Homework will be assigned on average four times a week. Please check Mrs. Young’s website or white board for assignments**

**Collection:** Homework is due the day after it is assigned unless otherwise specified

 by Mrs. Young.

**Late Work:** Homework that is turned in late without a valid or preapproved excuse

will not be accepted. If you are absent you will have one day per day absent to make up missed work. When absent, it is your responsibility to find out and obtain the work you missed and to turn in any missed assignments to Mrs. Young.

Classroom Expectations

**What I expected of my students:**

* Be on time.
* Come to class prepared.
* Be respectful to me & fellow classmates.
* Work to the best of your ability.
* Display appropriate behavior.
* Come to class with a positive attitude.
* Help maintain an atmosphere of learning.

**What my students can expect from me:**

* I will provide you with opportunities to be successful.
* I will treat you with respect and trust.
* I will maintain a positive learning environment.
* I will hold you the expectations and procedures listed.
* I will help set and complete goals for you and me.

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Looking forward to an excellent school year!

 ~ Mrs. Young