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Social Studies

Objectives of the Course: Students will focus on the (1) history, (2) geography, (3) government, (4) economy, and (5) cultures in the Eastern Hemisphere. These five aspects of social studies will be applied to the study of Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Studying the Eastern Hemisphere will connect us to people and events across time and space, enlightening the range and depth of the human experience. Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of themselves, our modern global society, and the world that affects them today and will in the future.

What you need for this class:

- An 8 ½ by 11 inch notebook, college ruled, white paper, three hole punched and at least 70 sheets.
- Pencil or black/blue pen
- Cloth or paper book cover

Textbook: World Cultures and Geography: Eastern Hemisphere by McDougal Littell (2003)

Class Format and Assessment Weight:

Chapter/Unit Tests: chapter/unit tests will cover the material within the chapter/unit. Tests may include multiple choice, vocabulary matching, short answer, and essay questions. Chapter or unit test is worth 50% of the chapter or unit grade.

Chapter/Unit Assignments: Assignments will include class work and homework. This section of the class includes worksheets, chapter reading, visual presentations, movies, lectures, skits, drawing, writing assignments, group work, and class participation. Students may have homework involving reading, finishing class work, or collecting current events. Chapter/unit assignments are worth 50% of the chapter/unit grade.

Extra Credit: Occasionally given with a maximum of 5 % per nine weeks.

Grading Scale:

93-100 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-66 D
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-
87-89 B+	77-79 C+	67-69 D+	Below 60 = E

Late Work:

- Assignments that are one day late will be worth 75% credit
- Assignments that are more than one day late are worth 50% credit until the end of that 9 week marking period
- Assignments will be a zero after the 9 week marking period that they were assigned

Absent Work Procedure: Student is responsible to contact the teacher in order to receive assignments missed due to absence.

Please return this page ONLY to Mr. House, thank you.

Classroom Rules:

1. Show respect to all in the classroom. Empathy is one of the most important qualities a person can possess.
2. When the teacher is talking, LISTEN. Follow the teacher's directions immediately.
3. Bring textbook, pencil/pen, paper, and coursework to class everyday.
4. Do not distract from the learning in the class.

I have discussed these rules with my student and I am aware of these rules.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Student signature _____