

I would like to welcome you to our Social Studies class. This course is designed to help you develop skills and knowledge about the world, our country and state. As we attain the standards for social studies as set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we will also focus our attention on Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening skills. Various activities and projects will be developed to help you achieve directed outcomes along with personal interests. **It is my hope that you challenge yourself to increase your abilities as well as further developing your individual, pair, small group, and large group communication skills.**

Be prepared for class:

Bring your textbook, pen or pencil, and notebook or Binder with loose leaf paper. I would recommend a Binder.

We have a set of Acer Laptops in our room. Take advantage of this learning opportunity, and utilize quality Digital Citizenship. So keep your cell phones in your locker or your pocket, at least.

Rules:

1. Be Respectful and Considerate of Others and Their Property!!!
2. Be On Time -- when the bell rings you should be in the room.
3. Be Prepared with Textbook, Materials, and Writing Utensil.
I will not write passes for you to get forgotten materials.
4. Raise your hand for acknowledgement to sharpen pencil or other requests.
5. Hall passes will be limited
 - 5a. If you are ill, and need to leave, get my attention and go.
 - 5b. Three tardies per nine weeks will result in a referral. See Handbook.

Class Website:

Use the class webpages to find your homework and other helpful tools and web sites to complete your studies including an ONLINE TEXTBOOK.

<http://websites.pdesas.org/jcoltabaugh/default.aspx>

Absentee:

If you are absent from a class for any reason, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to pick up information and assignments from the Absentee folder. You will have one day for a day's absence, 2 days for 2. If you are out for an extended period, a mutual time for back work will be made.

If you are absent due to disciplinary referral, you will be expected to have the work finished upon return to class. Otherwise a zero grade will be recorded.

If you miss work due to sports, a field trip, or family vacation, it is **YOUR** responsibly to attain the work and materials, if I have the materials prepared ahead of the scheduled event.

Emergency:

If a fire drill or fire occurs during our scheduled class time, you will move to the designated area via the appropriate hall.

- For our Room follow these directions: Move out the room to the left and out the doors to Room 1 and up the hill. I will have my binder over my head with a Room 13 poster to help you get organized.
- If a tornado drill or tornado occurs during our scheduled class, you will move into the hallway, face the wall with your head down, and refrain from talking.

Grading:

Grades will be based on points.

Most Assignments will be graded as follows:

Homework	10-25 points
Tests	100 points or # of questions with usually a few extra questions for more points.
Quizzes	Various, put usually as 2 points a question
Participation	50 points for each Marking Period.
Projects	Will vary, but at least 100 points.
Others	

50% of your grade is Test/Quizzes/Projects

Final Projects will fall under this category.

50% of your grade is Classwork/Homework/Participation

Research/Project work in class will fall under this category.

Other Items:

HAVE A BINDER WITH LINED PAPER or NOTEBOOK

HAVE YOUR BOOK COVERED AT ALL TIMES.

YOU WILL NEED WRITING UTENSILS.

INDEX CARDS WILL HELP GREATLY.

I HOPE THAT I WILL CHALLENGE AND PUSH YOUR ABILITIES. WE WILL HAVE FUN, BUT ALSO WILL WORK HARD.

Dear Parent:

Even though the school gives teachers access to personal data, sometimes this information is not entered correctly or changes have occurred with your family. Please take the time to fill out the informational sheet given to your child on the first day of school so that we can communicate in a timely manner. Feel free to email me any concerns or hopes for your child at jcoltabaugh@beasd.org.

Also, as for homework, I will be utilizing a homework calendar on my school website this year, so that you can see what needs to be completed. I know many students have jobs and extra-curricular activities. Also, this helps with their time management skills.

Finally, take the time to occasionally check my website for information on projects, directions, related materials, etc. You can do that by going to

<http://websites.pdesas.org/jcoltabaugh/default.aspx>

For Now:

John A Coltabaugh

Detach Here and Return by September 7, 2012

Information for Mr. Coltabaugh (Please print clearly)

Student Name: _____

Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Whose: _____ **Cell Home**

Preferred Email: _____

Signature: _____