

**St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School**  
**Middle School Classroom Policies and Procedures for 2017-2018**

Teacher	Mr. Bill Crisp
Class Name	U.S. History – 7
Teacher Availability	703-491-4447 Ext. 912 or <a href="mailto:hcrisp@aquinastars.org">hcrisp@aquinastars.org</a> I'm available after school if you want to schedule a conference. The best days are Wednesday-Friday.
Text	History of Our Nation
Other Supplies	Composition book, 1" binder
Class Description	The purpose of this class is to expose 7 <sup>th</sup> graders to U.S. history starting from the pre-colonial period to the start of the Civil War. This is a survey class that focuses on broad topics, so that students have some knowledge of major events in our nation's development. I will supplement the text with greater details on topics to give a better understanding, but students are strongly encouraged to research or share information on their own.
Grading	I will follow the student handbook * Test will count 40% of the students grade * Quizzes count 35% of the students grade * Homework counts 25% of the students grade
Assessment	The students will have a test at the end of each chapter. Fully graded quizzes will be announced in advance, but can be expected if reading was assigned as homework. The types of assessment may change if I feel students will benefit more from an alternate assignment. Extra credit may be offered during various points of the year, but it is not guaranteed.
Daily Quizzes	I will give daily review quizzes to help reinforce the material we are studying. These quizzes <b>MUST</b> be in the history composition book and contain the date, the question, an honest attempt at answering, and corrections made with a different color writing instrument. As long as the above criteria are met, the student will score 100% on the assessment. Quizzes are frequently lost when written on loose leaf or in another composition book.
One Freebie	I allow students to retake <b>ONE</b> test during the year if they didn't score well, but it must be in the current quarter.
Make-Up Work	Handouts will be put in a tray according to grade level in the back of class. According to the Student Handbook, the student has as many days as they were absent to turn in their missing homework, but they will only receive credit for the work if their absence has been EXCUSED by the office. Students should seek their missing assignments upon return to school before or after class.
Make-Up Tests	When a student returns to class, the student needs to see me to discuss when the test will be made up. If the absence is relatively short, the test should be made up within a couple of days of missing class.
Preparation for Class	Each student must bring their text book, composition book, and class binder with them every day.
Homework	Homework will be given 1-2 nights per week, unless students need additional study. It will be posted on the board, given orally, and posted on This Weeks Planner. Please keep in mind that This Weeks Planner is not the official homework communication method, assignments are still due even if it is not posted. It is the responsibility of the student to write down assignments in their planner and turn in when due. If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to get their homework turned in and collect all missing assignments in a timely manner. Students should speak with me before or after class. Late work will be marked down 10% per day in addition to the grade assigned. No late work will be accepted after students have been assessed on the material.
Projects/Assignments	May be assigned with instructions given in advance.
Use of Media	I use videos to reinforce student learning. All videos are grade level appropriate and are aligned with the national Social Studies guidelines. Most videos come from DiscoveryEducation and Teacher Tube. There are times when a little blood or "gross" subject matter is discussed, but students are warned in advance to turn their heads if they are a little squeamish.
See <b>Parent/Student Handbook</b> for school-wide policies concerning: Attendance, Respect of Property, Cheating, Style Sheet Guidelines and Conduct Grade Guidelines	

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