

"You got a "C" in History?? How hard could it be?"

Mr. Mitchell's 7th Grade Social Studies Class Team 7D – ASFMS

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 7th grade World History! I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Let's hope that his year is more healthy and easier than last year.

My Class Website: <u>www.mrmitchellclass.net</u> – all of the information covered below (and more) are located here.

Contact Information: The best way to contact me is through email. Our school phone system is simply not set up to reach individual teachers. I check email every day and regularly. First, try my school email and if you don't hear back within a day, try my personal email.

School Email: mitchelltheodore@coventryschools.net

Personal Email: ted.mitchell31@gmail.com

Chromebooks & Access: We are getting new Chromebooks this year. Please take good care of them. Students will use these to complete and hand in all work. Also, know that students may use Google Chrome and Google Classroom on almost any device (PC, MacBook, smartphone) to complete work if they don't have access to their Chromebooks for whatever reason.

Google Classroom: All assignments will be one this platform. Students will be given a code to access all. While parents will be invited to get alerts, it is best to have their student show them or give them access to their account. Through student accounts, one may see all work and grades in my class.

Aspen: While all assignments will be submitted and graded on Google Classroom, those grades will also be entered into Aspen. Please check both to ensure accuracy. At times, a student's cumulative grade might be different on both platforms as Aspen allows for extra credit, but Google Classroom doesn't (hopefully they change this soon).

My Grading System: I use a point system. It's simple. A small assignment might be worth 10 points, whereas a test might be worth 100 points. The student's cumulative grade is simply the total points they have earned divided by the total points they could have achieved. For example, if all of the assignments in a quarter added up to 1000 points and they earned 950 of those points, their grade would be 95% (950 divided by 1000 = .95 or 95%).

Revisions: Almost all work is revisable. I encourage students to correct errors or try again and demonstrate their understanding. Tests and some quizzes are not revisable though. **Extra Credit – Learning Extensions:** I offer extra credit through "Learning Extensions" that they do not have to complete but may in order to earn extra points and help their grade. Grading Philosophy: My goal is to teach students so that they learn as much as they can. Through revisions and extensions, it serves to introduce my students to more content and learning.

Curriculum: 7th grade World History will cover the ancient history in <u>East Asia</u>, <u>Greece</u>, and <u>Rome</u>. All content is online. Students will be given the username and password information to access all. Textbooks are digital as well.

Our Partnership: A student's education is based on a partnership between the student, parent/guardian, and teacher. It is very important that we work together and are on the same page. Our goal is to ensure the success of our students. To do this, we must communicate with one another. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out.