

I. Areas of Study (Content Standards)

- The South (Southern Culture, Economy, Slavery, Abolitionism)
- Westward Expansion (War of 1812, Mexican American War, Trail of Tears, Manifest Destiny)
- The Civil War (Cause and Effect)
- The Rise of Industrialism (Tycoons, Urbanization, Labor Movements, Immigration)

II. Scholarship: The **United States History 8** curriculum will be based upon the course of study prescribed by the Sweetwater Union High School District to meet California standards. Scholarship grades are based upon evaluation of the mastery of content standards.

Scholarship Grading Scale*
100 % - 89% = A+ to A- (Advanced)
88% - 77% = B+ to B- (Proficient)
76% - 65% = C+ to C- (Basic)
59% to 0% = F (Far Below Basic)

Breakdown of Grading *
Homework, Classwork, Achieve 3000 = 25%
Formative, Summative, Projects = 65%
Final = 10%

*Subject to Change

III. Citizenship: A good citizen is an active participant who makes a positive contribution to the atmosphere and work of the class. Attitude, conduct, attendance, punctuality, responsibility, and leadership are elements of good or bad citizenship. Your academic behavior is graded, not your overall personality or upbringing.

Classroom Behavior Requirements

1. Treat each other with respect and kindness at all times. This includes respect for personal and school property as well.
2. Be in your seat before the tardy bell rings and start the opening class procedures immediately.
3. Be prepared with all necessary materials.
4. Listen silently when the teacher or another student addresses the class. Do not blurt out answers or comments.
5. Raise your hand to speak or to leave your seat (including pencil sharpening).
6. Remain in your seat when the bell rings. Your teacher will dismiss you.
7. Don't use or consume items unrelated to school into the classroom. These include gum, food, drinks (exception; water), make-up, iPods, mobile phones, etc. Any items deemed a distraction by the teacher will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.
8. The hall pass for emergencies only. Hall pass use is monitored, and excessive use may result in lowering of citizenship grade.
9. The computers and technological equipment in this classroom are for educational purposes only.

Consequences of below average citizenship, besides lowered citizenship grade, include:

- Verbal warning/discussion after class
- Student call to parent at home or at work to describe an inappropriate behavior
- Paper Pick-up (nutrition break or lunch)
- Referral to your counselor or an Assistant Principal

My Signature indicates that I have reviewed and agreed to the classroom policies and expectations of Mrs. Castaneda's class.

Student (Print)

Parent / Guardian (Print)

Student Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Class Period