

Mrs. Gaertig

7th Grade~Social Studies

Room 2718



Course Description: This class meets for one 45 minute period per day. Students will study geography, economics, and current events along with American history. We will begin with the first settlers of America and focus on the growth through the war of 1812. Grading will be based on homework, quizzes, tests, participation, and projects.

Books Needed: We will be using The American Journey textbook. During the US Constitution and Illinois Constitution unit, a blue workbook will be issued along with a state of Illinois handbook.



Grading Policy:

- I. The following grading scale has been adopted by the Frankfort 157C Board of Education.
90-100=A 80-89=B 70-79=C 60-69=D
- II. Grades are derived from the following sources: homework, quizzes, tests, participation, and projects.
- III. Grades will be weighted by the following percentages: tests~35%, quizzes~30%, homework~15%, student skills~15%, and participation~5%.
- IV. Students are given a variety of methods and opportunities to reflect learning.
- V. Homework is expected to be turned in on time and will be worth half credit if turned in late. Homework is considered late if it is not in by the start of class.

Absence Responsibility: All students are responsible for making up work due to illness, vacation, or in-school activities. All assignments are written on the board daily and also in a class assignment notebook. It is up to the student to contact me before class begins, during advisory, or after school to collect handouts.