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### **Background facts**

\*four sections of history

\*one section of literature

\*one section of advisory

### **Grades**

Homework average=25%

Quiz average=25%

Test average=50%

### **Class Rules**

1. The student's job is to learn. The teacher's job is to teach. Behavior that disrupts the learning process is against classroom rules.
2. Three passes were distributed to allow a student to receive credit for a late assignment. One pass must be stapled onto the late assignment. One pass is required for each day the assignment is overdue. Two passes will be provided in the second trimester and one pass will be issued during the final trimester.
3. Student's should request teacher permission before taking a bathroom break.
4. All district rules apply.(see discipline handbook)
5. Place all extra books and folders underneath the desk. Aisles are needed to evacuate the room in a safe manner.

## **Main Topics Covered During Eighth Grade**

1. causes of the colonization of North America
2. causes and results of 19<sup>th</sup> century sectionalism
3. causes and results of the American Civil War
4. causes and results of immigration
5. causes and results of an industrial United States
6. causes and results American imperialism and European nationalism
7. causes and results of World War One
8. causes and results of the Great Depression
9. causes and results of World War Two
10. causes and results of the Cold War with communism (Korea & Vietnam)
11. causes and results of the space race
12. causes and results of the Civil Rights Movement
13. Post Cold War
14. conflicts in the Middle East
15. Presidential election of 2008

**Literature information**  
**Open House**  
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- 1. Independent Reading:** Research indicates that students that read frequently score higher grades, enjoy school, and perform stronger achievement scores. I will expect each student to have an independent reading book everyday. Students will be expected to arrive with a textbook and an independent reading book. Students will receive lunch detentions for abusing this rule. Students may read novels, poetry, short stories, or biographies. Students will be occasionally allowed into the school library to locate reading material.
- 2. Vocabulary:** A strong level of emphasis will be placed on improving the vocabulary skills of the students. Students will usually receive vocabulary reinforcement. Quiz dates will be announced in advance to allow opportunities for preparation.
- 3. Novels:** Frankfort Community School District #157-C requires that each eighth grade student read several novels. My favorite was written by Jack London. The book is *Call of the Wild*. *The Outsiders* and *Pigman* are popular with the students. Students will have projects that accompany the stories.
- 4. Reading Support:** Students requiring assistance may qualify for reading support. Students receive individualized strategies to help increase retention. Support personal will determine which students qualify for these programs.
- 5. Key Stories**
  - *Call of the Wild*
  - *Christmas Carol*
  - *The Outsiders*
  - *Night*
  - *The Cay*
  - *Diary of Anne Frank*
  - *Flowers for Algernon*
  - *Pigman*

