

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I need to bring my textbook and supplies to class everyday?

Yes! Bring your textbook and supplies to class everyday! No excuses will be accepted for you not having your textbook and supplies with you. Expect to receive a zero for a daily grade if you fail to follow these instructions!

2. Is it the responsibility of the school to provide me with school supplies?

No! It is your responsibility to obtain the required supplies and to make certain that you obtain new supplies when the old ones run out !

3. When am I expected to be in my seat ready to begin class?

You are expected to be in your seat ready to begin class at the sounding of the tardy bell!

4. When I arrive in class, should I spend the first few minutes talking with classmates?

No! You are expected to begin classroom procedures immediately upon arriving in class. Copy new assignments from the board immediately and have any work that is due ready to be picked up. Go to work immediately if you are a classroom manager.

5. What is the INTERACTIVE STUDENT NOTEBOOK?

*The Interactive Student Notebook is a composition book that will contain your **notes** and **processing assignments** for most lessons in our class. You will create or be provided notes in class but processing assignments are out-of-class activities in which you indicate your understanding of the material presented. Your notebook must be kept up-to-date and very neat. The Interactive Student Notebook is very important and is a formal record of everything you learn in class this school-year. Remember, the Interactive Student Notebook is 20 % of your grade!*

6. What are UNIT PORTFOLIOS?

The unit portfolios are compilations of various activities that the teacher expects you to complete and submit by the end of each unit. These are usually activities that help expose you to the material being learned and may include maps, charts and graphs, reading assignments, reports, assessments, etc. The portfolio activities will be completed on your own

at home and will be submitted on a pre-determined date in a clear plastic report cover. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DO ALL THE PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS AT THE LAST MINUTE !! Complete work each evening as you would homework. Remember, the unit portfolios are 20% of your grade!

7. Will I have to complete many SPECIAL PROJECTS at home?

Not usually. Most of our projects are completed in class in cooperative groups. The exception will be Wax Museum for 6th graders and History Fair for 7th graders which you will generally prepare for on your own.

8. Will I need to keep a binder for Social Studies like I do for most classes?

Yes. Please obtain a 1 inch three ring binder as you would for any class. Your binder should contain a plastic zipper pouch for your supplies as well as tabbed dividers for portfolio assignments and other activities that are returned to you. You should have tabs for tests, maps, daily work, textbook based activities, special project (WM / HF) information, etc. You should also keep a small amount of loose leaf paper in your binder.

9. If I have a question, will the teacher get mad if I e-mail or call him at home?

No. You may e-mail or call him at any time.