Dear Students (and Parents),

Welcome to Honors US History! This is an Advanced placement track course, which means that if you succeed in this class, you will be invited to go on the Advanced Placement US History (APUSH). There are some key things that you need to know in order to succeed in my classroom this year.

**We will be doing a lot of reading at home for this class.** My advice to you is to EMBRACE IT!  You will do well in life and in this course if you learn to love reading and do not treat it as a chore. Put your phone in sleep mode an hour before you go to bed and keep some reading material (it doesn't have to be history) on your bed table. You will sleep better and you will soon cherish that time where no one is texting you!   
**You will need a one and one-half-inch binder dedicated to this class.** It will be difficult to pass this class without it. I expect you to keep all assignments organized in your binder according to Due Dates.  In other words, ***don't throw anything away***. At the end of each marking period you will receive a test grade for your binder (if you keep your assignments and take notes it is an easy A to average into your grade).

**You do not ever need to bring your book to class; I keep a class set. So, binder and pen are all you need.** That said, please frequently read and be familiar with your textbook. You may explore future chapters and review one’s we’ve covered already. History is not just one event happening after another- it’s all connected! You are also encouraged to watch*The History Channel*, You-Tube History Videos, and history oriented movies.   
**Finally, communication is very important to being a successful student in my class**. If you are sick, have a special situation that will interfere with your work, or are feeling overwhelmed by the class, **please see me privately during my office hours**.  Self-advocating properly is a skill that will serve you well in life!

Please see your class webpage for more information.  
I'm looking forward to a great year of Honors U.S. History with you!

Sincerely,

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Parents, please sign this paper below to show that you have read it and discussed it with your child. It should remain as the FIRST page in the student’s binder.