

Welcome to Mr. Treistman's 7th Grade Texas History Class

Welcome to Texas History. We all live in the greatest state in The Union! What makes Texas so unique and interesting? Find out as we explore The State of Texas through class readings, web site research, interactive discussions, group work, and class projects.

Goals:

- *Students will become citizens who have the knowledge and skills needed to make good choices in their personal, economic, political, and social lives.
- *Students will be prepared to succeed in their 8th grade history class as well as the TAKS tests.

Grade 7 Social Studies:

- *Geography, government, economics, and culture studies are woven into twelve different units covering Texas Native Americans, Spanish and Mexican Texas, Texas Revolution, Republic of Texas, Statehood, American Civil War, and Texas in the 19th & 20th centuries.
- *Pre-AP students cover the same curriculum as the regular course, but will take a more in-depth look at major themes and issues in Texas History. Pre-AP students will also be expected to develop and demonstrate greater skills in writing essays.

Assignments and Grading:

- *All assigned handouts should be glued into the history notebook and written into the planner. The notebook is to be brought into class every day without exception.
- *Major grades (exams, projects, and notebook checks) are 50% of the overall grade. Daily grades (quizzes and homework) and Participation make up the other 50% of the overall grade.
- *Homework handed in 1 class day late will result in a 25% grade reduction, 2 class days late will result in a 50% grade reduction, and after that assignments will not be accepted.

Textbooks:

- *Textbooks will be issued to all students the first week of school.
- *The textbooks should be left at home all school year and be returned in May.

Communication:

- *Parents can monitor the class through the student planner and the history notebook.
- *Email: streistm@houstonisd.org
- *Leave a telephone message with the main office at 713-349-1800
- *Parents and students can obtain assignments on my blog at: www.txhistory.blogspot.com

Cheating and Plagiarism:

- *Cheating will not be tolerated, no copying off of another student, no stealing other peoples words from books or the internet...Cheating will result in a zero. Academic honesty is very important!!

Computer Use:

- *Will use the computers often. Student should **NEVER** use school computers to communicate with other people using email, IM, chat, or web sites like My Space.

Approved: _____
Ms. Jacqueline Curtis, Assistant Principal

Student's Name (Printed) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

**Succeed with integrity in Mr. Treistman's class.
I don't demand perfection, but I do demand effort.**

