Jones Futures Academy

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Janet Orozco, Principal

| **World History Course Syllabus**Bio: I am Mr. Lotspeich and I have taught for 5 years. I have a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Minor in Education. I came into teaching to help inspire kids to accomplish their dreams and share my passion of history with my students. Fun Facts:I have a Labrador Retriever (Azora). I love to travel and experience different places and learn about them. This world history course is for juniors at Jones Futures Academy, and required by the Texas Education Agency and Houston Independent School District for graduation**Course Description**This course is a study of both ancient and modern world history, including the foundation of civilizations, belief systems, commerce, exploration, enlightenment, political revolutions, the industrial revolution, nationalism, imperialism through the world wars, the cold war, the quest of countries seeking independence, and changes in current global patterns.

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**Grading Policy**Two types of grades shall be taken- daily (*classwork, quizzes, etc*.) , and major (*tests and projects)*. Grades will be computed and reported using a standard percentage scale as follows:

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**Late Work*** Each day that an assignment is late, ten percent shall be deducted from the final assignment grade.
* If you are absent, you have the amount of days you were absent to make up the work and have it count for full credit.
* You may e-mail me until 11:59 P.M. on the evening before an assignment is due if a situation has arisen that is outside your control, and which will prevent your work from being completed.  I will grant an extension if you have an *emergency,* and a *parent phone number* is included.
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| **Student Responsibilities**1. Complete all assigned homework and classwork on time
2. Come to class on time and prepared with all materials and ready to participate
3. Complete all homework assignments before coming to class
4. Study for all quizzes and exams
5. Seek help from fellow students and teacher when absences occur and make up work in a timely manner
6. Follow all district and campus rules and procedures
7. Show respect towards self, peers, and all adults
8. No Cell Phones. Tame your technology.
9. No food or drink in my room (except for Breakfast). **Water is allowed.**
 | **Attendance**Coming to school is essential to your development and education. Students are expected to attend class daily and to arrive promptly without disrupting the learning environment. 1. **According to district policy, in order to gain credit for the course, students must attend 90% of the days that class is offered.**
2. **While school activities do not count as an absence, students may not exceed 10 days for extracurricular absences.**

Please refer to pages 21-22 of the student handbook for district attendance policies. |

| **Plagiarism and Cheating**Plagiarism and cheating are taken seriously, and I follow district policy concerning this issue.  If a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing they will receive the consequence as stated in the school discipline policy statement.  I will also request a conference with the student’s parents.  Please do not cheat or plagiarize, as it is not worth the loss of trust, credibility and points. |
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| *How can you avoid plagiarism?* * Do your own assignments individually unless otherwise instructed by teacher.
* Do not aid another student in cheating by letting them copy your work.
* Write down the complete citation information for each item you use.
* Use quotation marks when directly stating another person's words.
* Always credit original authors for their information and ideas.
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**Make Up Work**

In accordance with Houston Independent School District, I give a student the amount of time they were absent to make up the work. Ex: Miss 1 day of class get 1 day to make up the work. If you are not able to test, see me at lunch or after school.’

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I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the student understand the policies and content of the syllabus and will be held responsible for it.

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 Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

Contact Information:

If you are needing to get in touch with me about anything you can reach me through the following ways. This page is yours to keep

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