

It is my responsibility as an educator to assure each and every student with a safe and secure environment, classroom, and school that will aid in the learning experience and academic growth.

It is my goal to create a relaxed and structured learning environment for all students. With the help of the students, I will try to the best of my abilities to make this goal a reality.

I encourage students to ask questions about the related material concerning global studies or to come see me if they need extra help or someone to talk to.

### **MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS:**

*\*All materials must be brought to class everyday unless the instructor notifies the class otherwise. This will count toward your classroom participation grade.*

Textbook (*must be brought everyday there is a test or quiz*)

Notebook/ Binder

Writing implement (Pen {any color} or Pencil

Handouts

Homework

### **Academic Dishonesty**

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Examples of Academic Dishonesty/ Cheating:

- Giving your work (homework, tests, and projects) to others
- Copying another person's assignments
- Plagiarism
- Giving or taking information during tests/quizzes
- Discussing test questions with others after you have taken a test and before others have taken a test/ quiz

**PLAGIARISM:** All forms of academic dishonesty are considered serious offenses within the school community. A student who commits such an offense runs the risk of a range of sanctions including failure in the course. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism as well as any deliberate attempt to gain unfair advantage academically for oneself or others. Dishonest practices including fabrication of data, cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism means presenting work done (in whole or part) by someone else as if it were one's own. The consequences for plagiarism range from a mark of zero on the assignment to a failing grade in the course.

## Classroom Policies

Students are required to be on time, to class.

- ❖ Students are allowed four (4) minutes between each class to travel from their previous class to their next class. This is an ample amount of time therefore if you are late for class you will be required to have a pass signed by another faculty member. If, by chance you do not have a pass you will be required to fill out a **late slip** (*late slips are located in a folder on the front cook case as you walk into the room*). Once a student has accumulated three late slips, he or she will be assigned **After School Detention** (*level 1 detention*). Each additional late that a student accumulates will result in an additional ASD (*the level of disciplinary action is dependent on the number late slips that have been accumulated*).
  - ❖ “I was at my locker”, is not a viable excuse for being late for class.
  - ❖ “I had to get a drink at the vending machine”, is not a viable excuse for being late for class.
  - ❖ It is your responsibility to be in class on time, so please come to class in a timely manner to avoid disciplinary action.
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- ✓ Students **will be** courteous and respectful of **all** of their classmates and their instructor.
  - ✓ Students will follow the Franklin Academy rules and policies documented in the student handbook.
  - ✓ Students are responsible for maintaining the condition of school property. (No defacing of school property: books, desks, room, computer lab, etc...)
  - ✓ Be prepared for class (sitting in your seat when the bell rings and having the required material out and ready to go when the daily lesson begins.)
  - ✓ The classroom is not the place for foul or obscene language.
  - ✓ Water and/ or juice may be allowed until there becomes a problem with spilling, empty bottles being left in the classroom, passing around drinks to your friends, etc.
  - ✓ Snacks are fine just **do not** let them become the focus of your time in class. Do not be late because you needed your snack. Also a snack is something quick to eat that will take the edge off being hungry therefore do not bring a four course meal or buffet to class. If this happen you will be asked to put it away.
  - ✓ If you bring a snack or drink this is for you, not the individuals around you or across the room. (Do not let this be a distraction.)
  - ✓ I do not mind if students chew gum but snapping and blowing bubbles is not permitted due to the distraction that is created to fellow class members. If a student snaps or blows bubbles they will be asked to throw their gum away. If this becomes a reoccurring problem, the entire class will be restricted from chewing gum in my class.
  - ✓ Students will remain in their seats until the bell rings. There is no need for students to crowd around the door at the end of the period.

## Weekly Agenda

Student will be aware of what assignments are due and when they are due at the beginning of the week for global studies and English 10. Students will also be aware in advance about assessments dates. Your teachers will remind you and write this on the board. Visiting your teachers’ websites is also an option to become informed. (<http://mrwbush.weebly.com>)

## Ensuring Good Grades

MEETING DEADLINES – Homework: ready to be checked for credit when the bell rings (labeled and dated).

*Essays*: It is the responsibility of the student to hand the exam in on time. If the essay is not handed in on time the student may have an extended night to complete the essay, for which he or she will not be able to achieve a grade higher than 75%. Also the student must make arrangements to have the essay handed in to me by 9:00 a.m. the following morning of school. If the essay is not received by 9:00 a.m. a grade of 0% will be earned.

*Take Home Tests*: It is the responsibility of the student to hand the exam in on time. If the test is not handed in on time the student may have an extended night to complete the test, for which he or she will not be able to achieve a grade higher than 75%. Also the student must make arrangements to have the exam handed in to me by 9:00 a.m. the following morning of school. If the exam is not received by 9:00 a.m. a grade of 0% will be earned.

## GRADING

### **Exams/ Tests: 45%**

Exams are tools that the instructors will utilize in order to evaluate the students comprehension and retention of the material that has been presented to the class. Exams will be given at the end of each global studies chapter and at the end of each novel or English unit (unless otherwise noted by the instructor). Exams will consist of but are not limited to the following: Definitions, Multiple Choice, True/ False, Short Answer, DBQ's (Document based Questions) and/ or Essays.

During the course of the year you will be given projects and or essays to write that you will be required to complete. These projects will be weighed as exam/s grades. (The topics and outlines of the projects will be given to the class at the discretion of the teacher during the course of the school year.)

**Projects:** During the academic year you will have to complete projects for this class. Your projects will be graded according to the following criteria.

- a) Assignment/s that will be handed in **must** be **typed**. If you do not have access at home, the Franklin Academy Library has adequate terminals and software to accommodate your needs.
- b) Each project will be weighted as a test grade, multiplied by three (3).
- c) Spelling and grammar will count toward the students' final grade of the assignment.
- d) The grade will be based upon correct completion of the assignment criteria in addition to correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

### **Quizzes: 40%**

Quizzes will be based on the vocabulary, geography, material covered during the chapter lectures and class discussions, and the literature you read.

Castle Learning is also an avenue for assessment for this class. Each student has a Castle Learning username and password and will be expected to complete the assessments for a quiz grade.

### **Homework/ Class Participation: 15%**

You will be given homework over the course of every unit/section. It is not our intention to burden students with multiple hours of homework every night but it will be given throughout the week. The homework that is assigned will set the stage for the upcoming lecture on the following day. We will try not to give homework over the weekends but sometimes it will be inevitable.

All homework needs to be complete and ready to be checked when the bell rings.

Playing sports is a **privilege not an excuse**. It is the responsibility of the student to show the teacher the homework from the night before and/ or have the assignment completed for the next day.

*"I left early yesterday for a game."* is not a viable excuse and will not be accepted.

If the homework is not shown to the instructor before the student leaves for the game a grade of 0% will be earned

Homework will be graded in two different manners:

- 1) I will collect homework such as: maps, essays, chapter review questions, and other writing assignments due to the level of difficulty and the amount of time that students' spend completing the assignments.
- 2) All vocabulary terms, section review questions, and reading guide questions must be written in complete sentences. If the homework is not in complete sentences the students will not earn credit for the assignment.

- 3) Homework such as vocabulary, section review questions, and guided reading questions, or completion of class notes. If the completed assignment is not written in complete sentences students will not receive credit. This work will be graded in the following fashion.
- a) 100 % for that particular homework assignment if the entire assignment is completed.
  - b) 50% for that particular assignment if at least half of the assignment is completed.
  - c) 0% will be earned for an assignment that is less than half or no attempt or minimal attempt is given towards a particular assignment.

### **Attendance Policy:**

See student handbook (click link) [FA Student Handbook](#)

- **A STUDENT HAS THE NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT PLUS ONE DAY TO COMPLETE THE MISSED WORK**
  - o **Example: If a student was absent for two consecutive days he or she will have a total of three days to present the missed work to the teacher.**
- Make arrangements to meet with fellow classmates or the teacher before school, after class, during study hall, after school, during lunch or on the teacher's website to find out what material or assignments that were missed.

### **Make Ups**

- If you are absent on the day of an exam or a quiz, you would be expected to complete the test or exam upon your return to school. (Come and see Mr. Bush and schedule a time/period to complete you test or quiz. I am usually on campus at 7:00 am and stay until 4:00 pm.)
- Each student will have to complete the test or quiz before the end of the 5 week interim or before the end of the quarter. If the student fails complete the test or quiz before the end of the 5 week interim or before the end of the quarter a grade of 0% will be earned and entered into the grade book.
- Students will be made aware of the tests or quizzes that are not complete and needs to take the initiative to complete the assessment. If the student missed a test or quiz their name will posted on the white board in the back of the classroom under their designated class period as a reminder. The name of the student will be written indicating what chapter exam or quiz you missed and when the assignment is due.
- Make ups for a quiz or a test will not be completed during the students scheduled class period. The student must make arrangements with the instructor to come in before school, after school during a study hall, or during their lunch period to make up the quiz or test.

### **Electronic Devices in the Classroom**

See [FA Student Handbook](#)

## Homework Passes

Generally homework passes will be handed out to the student who achieves the highest grade on an exam or an essay assignment and to the student who makes the greatest improvement from the last exam to the current exam.

- A homework pass will be given to the student by the instructor and can be used at any time during the year for a grade of 100% on a homework assignment.
- Students can use this pass if they miss or forget to complete an assignment for either global studies 10 or English 10.
- This pass cannot be used for current event assignments, essay assignments, take home exams, or geography assignments. Students will also be responsible for all literature.
- If you lose or misplace this pass, I am sorry but a replacement will not be issued

## Extra Credit

Extra credit is not a substantial part of the curriculum but from time to time it will be given. Students should not count on extra credit to determine whether or not they will pass or fail a quarter but as an opportunity to perhaps cushion or alleviate an assignment or test they may have faltered on. Please, do not depend on extra credit as the determining factor on passing or failing for a progress report or quarter.

### **Rules for Extra Credit:**

1. Extra Credit is due on the date posted during your class period, not at a later date.
2. All of the criteria must be completed for the assignment in order to receive the extra credit. (Example: Typed, 1 page in length, print out of the article.)
3. The extra credit will be graded according to the criteria of the assignment, so please put forth the effort that you do for all of your work. (Just because you complete the extra credit assignment that does not entitle you to receive a grade of 100 %)
4. None of these rules are negotiable, if you have a problem or issue please do not hesitate to see Mr. Bush

## End of Each Quarter

At the end of every quarter we will sponsor a party for class with the highest overall average. Each average of each member of the class will be calculated into the final average. The class with the highest average will receive: donuts, juice, milk, cookies fruit, (Morning classes) pizza, juice, fruit (afternoon classes) during their scheduled class period. The contents at these parties will conform to the Franklin Academy wellness policy.

In order to be eligible to earn a party the class's overall average must improve each quarter.

**Acknowledgment of Mr. Bush's Expectations in his Classroom**

**Due September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's name) have read the syllabus of Mr. Bush and know that I will be held to the standards that have been outlined above.

[Your child will earn a 100% (extra credit homework assignment) for bringing in this sheet acknowledging that he or she has read the syllabus and understands the expectations in my classroom.]

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_