

Mr. Devine's 6th Grade Minnesota History

Welcome to your 6th grade Minnesota history class. This year will be an exciting one as we explore the topics surrounding the development of the state of Minnesota. We will start with an early history of Minnesota and the first people to inhabit the area and end around WWII and the contributions of Minnesotans to the war effort.

We cover a large time frame during the development of our state over the entire year and I will do everything in my power to make class time fun and enjoyable for everyone involved! This year I am going to use a system of question and answer processes to make the learning more hands on and student driven. This new system will be explained the first few weeks of school and will be reoccurring through our year.

Supplies for class

All students will be required to come to class prepared with a pencil/pen and a notebook each day. Certain days you will need to these materials (all of which were on your student supply list from the school):

- A three-pronged pocket folder (this will stay in the classroom and will not travel home)
- Colored Pencils
- Pencils/black pen for mapping
- Notebook (specific to social studies class)

Grading

My grading will be based upon completed work from the student, test scores, and daily activities. The grading breakdown is:

A	100-96%	C+	77-79%
A-	95-90%	C	73-76%
B+	89-87%	C-	72-70%
B	86-83%	*	69% and below

***Students with a grade of 69% or below will be required to spend time after school to make up the missed assignments and to prove to Mr. Devine that they are able to understand the material being presented. Students will spend time as many days as it takes to get them caught up and passing again. ***

Classroom Expectations

While Mr. Devine's classroom is meant to be a fun learning experience there are still some expectations of all his students. These expectations are:

- Students will be respectful at all times. This includes respecting oneself, others, property, privacy, and our classroom space. We want to have a fun learning environment that EVERYONE feels comfortable to speak and be a part of at all times.
- Students will come prepared with all learning materials each day. This includes a pen/pencil and their classroom notebook.

- This class is structured to give all students the opportunity for success, but this success depends on YOUR willingness to participate in groups and in our class as whole.

Homework

There will be some homework in this class on projects that are not finished during our class period. If you choose to stay off task and not be a productive member of the classroom you can expect that you will have homework. Missing assignments are usually the cause for a failing grade. If you are the type of student that has trouble completing assignments at home, forgets them in your locker, or just loses them constantly please come see early in the trimester. I can help keep you on track as long as you make the first step to help yourself.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted if a legitimate reason such as an absence, family issue, or an emergency. If I notice that you are not on task during our normal classroom time my acceptance of late work will be on a per-student case. I WILL NOT track you down and give you class time to catch up on missing homework towards the end of the trimester. As a sixth grader you have a responsibility to keep track of your own work.

I want everyone to have success in my class. I will do everything I can to make each day a fun and exciting experience, but you as the student need to come to class with a positive attitude that you are going to succeed. Your first step for success is for YOU and YOUR parents to sign this sheet after you have read through it together. Once they have filled out the proper information please cut and return JUST THE SMALL SLIP to Mr. Devine on _____.



Student's name printed: _____	Hour: _____
Student's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent's name printed: _____	
Parent's signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent's primary phone: (____) _____	
Parent's primary email: _____	