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# HISTORY 8



Working TOGETHER to build a LOVE FOR HISTORY and take THINKING SKILLS to a NEW LEVEL.

## MR KIPLING...

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## SKILLS...

The purpose of this class is to help develop and improve HISTORICAL THINKING skills so that students can **CONNECT, CREATE, COLLABORATE, COMMUNICATE** effectively in our world.

## HISTORICAL THINKING?

The Historical Thinking skills of Sourcing, Contextualization, Close Reading, and Cross Checking are what makes a good critical thinker. We will become better HISTORICAL THINKERS by experiencing history. Trials, Debates, quests, hearings, living history throughout the year to be able to understand history better.

## A TYPICAL CLASS...

HISTORICAL THINKING is not an easy task, so we will work together through the process. We will work with partners, small groups and large groups to grasp history and hear various perspectives. Students will individually present their learning in their own way. Once they have received feedback from me, they will then submit their final work for grading.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS...

### No Meanness

#### Respect for Self

- Don't miss out on any learning by being late to class.
- Display how smart you are by making sure your work is complete to your best ability.
- Keep your good reputation by doing your own work.
- Since how you speak demonstrates your intelligence, make sure that your language is appropriate for school.

#### Respect for Others

- Allow others to learn by letting them focus on the teacher and not on you.
- Share only positive comments about others.
- Don't create extra work for others by not cleaning up after yourself.
- Value other people's property as you value your own.

## ABSENT/MAKEUP WORK...

It is the student's responsibility to check Schoology if they are absent. All work will be posted, assigned and collected through Schoology.

## REQUIRED RESOURCES . . .

- Great Attitude ready to think!
- Schoology & Google account access
- Use of SLPS Chromebook during class

## UNITS OF STUDY . . .

- Pre-Revolution Review
- Government / Constitution / Civics
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War / Reconstruction
- Civic Responsibility (Genius Hour)