**Mr. Carothers**

**World History Rules and Expectations**

**“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength,**

**not a lack of knowledge, but a lack of will.” -Vince Lombardi**

**Late Work:**

Not accepted. The assignment is due at the beginning of class on the date specified unless otherwise instructed. Invalid excuses include but are not limited to: “my printer broke,” “I don’t have internet at home,” “I didn’t comprehend it,” and the always popular “I left it in my locker.” Bring your work to class, finished and ready to be turned in. YOU are responsible for your assignment.

**Make Up Work:**

If you are absent, you’re responsible for getting the homework, tests, or quiz that you missed. I will not track you down to give you your makeup work. As stated in the handbook, students have one day for each day you are absent to complete your makeup work. If you don’t get it done in the amount of time given, you will receive a zero for the assignment, quiz or test. Pretty simple. Pre-arranged absences are another story. See the student handbook for guidelines.

**Respect:**

How you treat others reflects on you as an individual and on your character. Have respect for the students and property around you. One of the greatest things about America is that you are allowed to freely express your thoughts, ideas, and opinions. However, this freedom does not give you the right to ridicule or degrade others in this classroom. I expect you to form and voice your opinion in this class and you should be able to do so without fear of others mocking you. Respect others opinions and be able to defend your point of view if you have one. With that being said, have a sense of humor in life. Be able to take and give a joke at the appropriate time.

Respect my room. I don’t come to your house to trash your bedroom so please take care of the things in my classroom. My desk is especially off limits. There is no reason for you to be in, on, around, or behind my desk at any time. There may be confidential items on my computer or desk. If you need something off of my desk, ask for permission.

Keep your language appropriate. This includes but is not limited to cussing, name-calling, your computer use, and/or general conversation.

Seating charts are not used in my classroom unless you are unable to behave on your own at which time I will help you manage your behavior by moving you to a special assigned seat.

**Cheating:**

Your work is just that, YOURS. Do not give it to others or use anyone else’s. It is still cheating if you are the one that did the assignment and loaned it to someone else (not to mention how stupid it is that you would do the work and risk getting a zero because your buddy didn’t do theirs). Cheating will get you an automatic zero for the assignment/test/quiz and if you are caught twice you will automatically fail the class for the quarter. Plagiarism is also prohibited.

**Computer Use:**

Refer to school policy. Students are expected to keep to appropriate websites. Games/earbuds/earphones are not allowed during class time & will be confiscated unless permission is otherwise granted. Students may lose points if they are using computer in a manner that is inconsistent with the expectations of the class for the day

**Preparedness:**

Bring your fully charged computer, pen or pencil, and paper EVERY day. I reserve the right to deduct points from your grade if you are unprepared for class. You will not be allowed to go back to your locker.

**Bottom Line:**

You are not in middle school anymore. You are on your way to becoming adults (some closer than others) so act like it. YOU are responsible for you effort and therefore YOU will get the grade YOU earned. We will cover a variety of topics from beginning of man to the modern era. We will cover many cultures and regions. Some are more interesting than others but all are important. We will also cover current events so you are up to date with the topics in your world.

If you do all the homework in this class it is virtually impossible to fail as those assignments will prepare you for tests and will balance low scores should you have one. I will be willing to work with you if you are willing to seek help and give effort when needed. Be responsible and organized and you’ll be just fine. I will try to give time each day in class to work on your assignment but it’s not guaranteed. Quizzes will be given often and will often focus on the assigned reading. If you need help, feel free to see me either before or after school. Don’t come to me with a question right before the assignment is due just because you didn’t finish the assignment on time. I will NOT do your work for you.

I’m looking forward to the things we’ll learn and experience in this class this year. You will experience many new things at Unity this year in general so make it the best it can be. Good luck in all your classes, and to quote my late (and great) Grandma Patty Takala - “Nothing worth a crap ever comes easy” so work hard.