**LANGSTON CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Social Studies Department**

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Welcome to a new school year! I’m looking forward to a great year of learning in Social Studies class. In order to succeed, each student must have personal goals for achievement and strive to achieve those goals to the best of his /her ability. The following procedures will keep you aware of what to expect in my class this year:

**GRADING**

District grading scale: Grades will be weighted as follows:

**A 93 -100% Tests/Projects : 40%**

**B 85 - 92% Homework : 30%**

**C 77 - 84% Quizzes : 30%**

**D 70 - 76%**

**F 69 & below**

**HOMEWORK**

Expect homework assignments covering new material 3 to 4 times a week. Most assignments will be taken from the *Journey Across Time* student textbook.To receive credit, all homework **must** be turned in **the day it is due**. Homework builds on class work. In order to keep up with the work done in class, students are expected to make up all missing assignments.

**LATE WORK**

**No credit** will be given for late homework. Work turned in after the assigned due date will receive a **zero**. An “oops pass” may be used to gain one extra day to turn in regular homework assignments; the assignment must still be turned in the **next day** to receive credit. Late projects will be penalized **10% per day late**. An **“OOPS”** pass cannot be used on projects or major assignments.

A few missing assignments can really take a toll on a student’s grade, so each student **must** take responsibility for turning in her work.

**MAKE-UP WORK**

* Due **one week** from the day the student returns from an absence.
* Make-up work will be placed (with student names) in the grade-appropriate folder posted in class. Students are responsible to collect make-up work from these folders when they return to class. Students can also access make-up assignments from my personal website: **http://rvenablelangston.weebly.com/**
* Tests or quizzes can be made up on **Friday mornings or afternoons** during the school supervised make-up time**.** Please see me as soon as you return to class so I can have your materials ready for you when you go to make up your work.

**CLASS EXPECTATIONS**

Each student is expected to:

* Treat all others in the classroom with **respect**.
* Take personal **responsibility** for her actions and attitudes.
* Strive for **quality** work.
* Bring his/her own **materials** to class, including paper, pens, pencils, etc.
* Ask **questions** regarding any concepts that are unclear.
* **Prepare** for class by using the restroom, sharpening pencils, etc. before class begins.

**ASSIGNMENT POSTING**

I will be posting our daily assignments as well as any special instructions on **http://rvenablelangston.weebly.com/** This resource does not replace the consistent use of the student planner, but is a supplemental tool for parents to keep up with what we are doing in class.

**PARENTAL COMMUNICATION**

Please feel free to contact me regarding questions or concerns at any point. The best mode of contact is email, at **rvenable@langstoncharter.org**. You may also reach me while at school via telephone (**286-9700**). Please leave a message with Mrs. Myers during school hours, and I will return your call as promptly as I am able. If you wish to speak with me in person, please do not hesitate to set up an appointment. I encourage parental involvement and welcome your contact at any time, even if you just wish to check on your child’s progress in class.

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**PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION TO MR. VENABLE BY Friday, AUGUST 31st.**

***We have read, understood, and discussed the above information.***

**Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**