

Utah History

Mrs. Jones

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Course Description: This course is designed to help students gain an understanding and respect for Utah, its history, and geography. In order to fully understand and appreciate Utah, many different subjects will be discussed; some of which can be controversial, including the Mormon religion. I can assure you I will not be teaching about the religion, only about the role it played in shaping Utah. You cannot separate Utah from the Mormon religion because of the impact on one another. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have concerns about the subject matter.

Learning Activities: We will be using several different ways to learn history:

- ◆ Open discussions as a class and in smaller co-operative groups
- ◆ Appropriate assignments from the text
- ◆ Activities that enhance reading and writing skills
- ◆ Use of maps to learn locations and physical features of Utah.
- ◆ Exploration of current events

Academic Grade: Your grade (A,B,C,D, or F) will be based on the five categories described below.

● **PARTICIPATION (10%):** At the beginning of each term, students receive 100 points of participation. Points are deducted when a student does not fully participate. This includes, but is not limited to: -5 points for being unprepared (i.e. no book, pencil, planner, etc.), -10 points for each discipline action necessary beyond verbal warning, -10 for refusal to participate in class/group activities.

● **WALKAWAYS (30%):** Walk Aways are assessments based on the Utah State Core Curriculum that will allow students to demonstrate

understanding of the most important learning objectives. These assessments will be given to all students within a grade level and/or class.

Students demonstrate mastery of Walk Aways by achieving 80 % or higher on the assessment. Students can retake any Walk Away as long as they are enrolled in the class assigning the Walk Away. Students that pass all Walk Aways in a term will earn at least a D- for that term.

Walk Aways will account for 30 % of a student's grade under the "SKILLS" category and will be graded as follows:

Pass 1st Attempt: Students that pass a Walk Away (80% or higher) on the first attempt will be awarded full points or 100%.

Retakes: Students that receive lower than 80% on a Walk Away must complete the required remediation before they can take it a second time. A student that passes a Walk Away on the second or subsequent retakes will be awarded 80%.

For further explanation, please view policy document on the school webpage.

● **DAILY ASSIGNMENTS (20%):** This category covers all in class assignments, most will go into the unit notepacket.

● **HOMEWORK/QUIZZES (20%):** Homework is given regularly. It is often finishing up an assignment started in class. Quizzes are given about twice per unit.

● **PROJECTS/TESTS (20%):** Students will be given one project per term. Time outside of class will be necessary to complete the project. Tests are assessments similar to walkaways, but **CANNOT BE RETAKEN.** This category

is listed under “Other” in Skyward.

Projects turned in after the due date will receive ½ credit.

Extra Credit: Extra credit can be earned, but I reserve the right to determine if it will be offered, and what it will entail, on a student to student basis.

Late Work: Absences – for you to keep up with class work and discussion you are expected to be in class. You are responsible for all that is missed if absent. Absent students will have one week from the first day back to complete and turn in the work missed. If a student simply does not turn in an assignment on the due date or turns it in past the time allowed for absences, they can turn in the assignment for ½ credit.

Hall Passes: Students are given two hall passes per term. These may be used for the restroom, locker, drink, etc. After two have been used, a student will lose 10 points of participation each time they wish to use another hall pass. Students must have their planner filled out in order to use a hall pass.

Grades: The grade breakdown is as follows:

100-94%	A	76-74%	C
93-90%	A-	73-70%	C-
89-87%	B+	69-67%	D+
86-84%	B	66-64%	D
83-80%	B-	63-60%	D-
79-77%	C+	59-0%	I/F

Citizenship Grade: This will be determined by the following three areas:

► **Participation: 100-85 points = O, 80-65 = S, 60-45 = N, Below 45 = U.**

► **Classroom Behavior:** Students are expected to **respect the learning**

environment of the classroom.

Disruptive behavior will be addressed as follows: **1)Warning 2) Moved to a new seat/floor 3)Meeting with me 4)Call home 5)Meeting with parents and behavior contract. Participation points will also be deducted for each necessary intervention beyond verbal warning.**

Fighting, harassment, bullying, challenging teacher authority, or using profane language will result in immediate removal from class and will be dealt with according to district policy and may result in reassignment to a different class.

► **Cheating:** Students who are dishonest will be given an **automatic “U”**. This includes cheating on a test or copying another student’s assignment or allowing someone to copy your own assignment. **The student’s score on the assignment or the test may be forfeited entirely.**

Materials Needed: Students are expected to bring ruled paper, pen/pencil and planner (provided) every day. Additionally, students need to bring a folder or 3 ring binder to use specifically for this class, colored pencils, and a red grading pen.

Electronic Devices: Electronic Devices are prohibited in class, unless authorized by Mrs. Jones. Additionally, no hats, beanies, bandannas, food (unless prearranged on a medical condition), soda-pop, I-PODS, MP3 players, or headphones. If any of these items are found in class they will be confiscated and your parents will have to come and retrieve them at the office.