Welcome to Ancient World History. For many of you, this will be your first year of dedicated study to the field of Social Studies. This class will focus on Ancient History, but along with history, we will also study Economics, Political Science & Geography. Another large focus of the class is learning to think like a historian. We will be using these skills to learn about ancient civilizations around the globe, many of which helped to influence and shape the world we are living in today.

Your study of Ancient World Cultures will include:
- UNIT 1 - Introduction to Social Studies
- UNIT 2 - River Valley Civilizations
  a. Mesopotamia & Indus River
  b. Egypt
  c. China
- UNIT 3 - Classical European History -
  a. Greece
  b. Rome
- UNIT 4 - Ancient African Empires
- UNIT 5 - The Americas
  a. Maya
  b. Aztec
  c. Inca
- UNIT 6 - Understanding the World in Which I Live

Materials
1. Charged Chromebook (everyday)
2. Pencils for everyday use/Pens (blue or black ink only)
3. Highlighter/colored pencils or crayons/ruler (optional)

Classroom Expectations
Below are our expectations for every student so that our class can run smoothly and we can achieve success, but also have fun.
- Enter the classroom quietly and take your seat. Put your belongings into the desk, read the objective and follow the posted directions. If there are no directions, you can read silently.
- Have your chromebook, planner, & pencil with you in class every day. We have extra pencils that you can borrow for the class period. Pencils are also available for purchase at the school store.
- Classwork not completed will become homework, complete and turn in via Google Classroom.
- If there is a fire drill, assembly, or any other time we will be leaving the room, please do not leave your seat until instructed, after which, line up in a straight and quiet line.
- Please leave our classroom as you found it. Make sure there is no trash under or in the desk, get rows straight and push in your chair. 5th period, please put chair on desk.
**Attendance**
- Students are responsible for all missed work when and absence is excused
- If a student is out for one or two days and the absence has been approved, please check Google Classroom for any missed work or announcements. It is the student's responsibility to seek out these assignments.
- Students may make up assignments until the end of each unit.
- When students are absent the day of a test, they must see teacher for a make-up.
- Students will not be allowed to make up work if an absence is unexcused. This will be reflected in the grade book with the code UND for undocumented absence.

**Grading Policy**
All grades will be calculated, and then entered into Parent Portal.
Marking period grades will be determined using a combination of **Progress and Mastery** assessments. These assessments are weighted and parents can keep an update of their student’s grades using “Parent Connect.” Call the school guidance for information about “Parent Connect.”

A. Retakes/Revisions
   a. Mastery assessments are not eligible to be retaken/revised. However, if a student demonstrates mastery of previous standards on subsequent Mastery Assessments, teachers will have the discretion to change the Mastery Assessment grade throughout the year if the students’ performance reflects mastery of the standard.
   b. A Progress assessments may be redone 1 time up until the mastery assessment is assigned. Policy for retake of Progress Assessment: Student must email the teacher requesting to retake the assignment. Email must include the name and date of the assignment that student wants to retake and an outlined plan of what student will do to improve grade.

For more information on **grading policy** see school website.

**Websites**
During the course of instructions students will be using different websites. All websites that we use are from the Board of Education Approved Digital Tool List. Below are some websites that we use often.

1. Newsela
2. Kahoot
3. National Archives
4. Quizlet
5. Discovery Education
6. StoryBoard That

**School Related Absences**
There are some students who are in Band or Chorus. When these groups have practices they sometimes are taken out of classes. The policy of the Queen Anne’s County Board of Education is to have these students marked absent by the teacher. The guidance office reviews all absences and those students are then excused by the guidance department. The student is responsible for making up any missed work.

**Cheating/Academic Dishonesty**
Any student that is caught cheating on a test, project, etc., will automatically fail the given assignment. Also that student will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted.

**Parental Syllabus Review** - Please read with your child, initial and place in Social Studies section of binder..

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Parent Initials ______  Student Initials ______