

Sociology

Liberty High

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Course Description:

This course is a one-year study of sociology designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. The course will cover the four domains of sociology to better understand how to analyze and explain society, culture, social institutions, social relationships, social behavior, social inequality, and social problems. The course follows the national standards by the American Sociology Association as well as Common Core Social Science standards.

Course Policies:

Student Work: Students will be expected to complete assignments inside and outside of class time on a regular basis. All students are expected to read class material, think critically, write effectively, and participate in discussions. Students are expected to use complete sentences, proper grammar, and correct spelling in every written performance.

Group Activities: Students will be working in groups on a regular basis. Student groups will be given cooperative learning activities to complete. Students will be expected to be an active member of their groups and grades will be assessed accordingly.

Class Discussions: Students will be expected to actively listen and engage in class discussions. Class discussion will be a major part of this class as this is a social science. Some of the content covered in this class may be considered controversial for some students. Students are expected to be respectful at all times. Participation in class discussions will be reflected in the student's participation grade.

Extra Credit: Opportunities for extra credit will be offered from time to time. Extra credit is extra work above and beyond the usual homework, not work used to cover up missing work.

Absences: If a student is absent, it is HIS/HER responsibility to get the work from the class website, complete, and turn in the work the next class period. All assignments will be available on the class website.

Grading Policies:

Points earned from assignments, participation, quizzes, tests, and projects will be evenly weighted. Late work will receive up to 50% of the original points. No late work will be accepted after the unit it was assigned in is completed.

Students and parents are encouraged to check grades on the Aeries Parent Portal frequently.

Class Rules:

- Students are expected to treat the teacher and other students with respect at all times. Offensive language and hatefulness is not acceptable in this class. I like to use as a guideline “Be respectful: to yourself, your peers, the staff, and the school.” You know what is right and wrong and you will be expected to act accordingly.
- Students are expected to be in their seats and prepared for class when the tardy bell rings. Being prepared for class means having all materials out and ready.
- Pay attention. Talking while the teacher is instructing or while other students are presenting will not be permitted. Listen the first time directions are given.
 - Excessive talking or not paying attention will negatively affect their participation grade.
- Students will stay in their seats at all times unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Use the Sign Out sheet and Hall Pass anytime you leave the class.
 - Use the restroom at appropriate times.
 - Do not disrupt the class.
 - Students will not be allowed to leave for the restroom or locker during the first and last 10 minutes of the period.
- Do not use electronic devices in class unless given specific instruction to by the teacher.
 - The use of electronic devices will negatively affect their participation grade.
 - Parents – Please refrain from texting or calling your students while in class. Students will not be able to respond. Call the attendance office if you must contact your student.
- Be involved.

Class Materials:

Textbook: Sociology

All students will need the following:

- ½” or 1” 3 Ring Binder
- Loose leaf college ruled paper
- Dividers
- Multiple Pens/Pencils
- Highlighters
- Post it Notes
- Colored Pencils

Statement for Academic Dishonesty:

Academic honesty is expected in this class. Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. Many written assignments will be submitted using Turnitin.com to check for plagiarism.

Consequences may include: no grade on assignment, will be reported to a school counselor, and a parent will be notified.

Video Content:

Throughout the year films and video clips will be shown in class or on the website to accompany lessons. These visual aids are important to highlight and connect students to certain concepts and events. Some of what will be shown may be graphic and upsetting to some due to its content and subject matter. Prior to a film being shown, parents will be notified, and alternate assignments can be made if a parent objects to their student's participation.

I have read and understand the rules for Mr. Lemos' Sociology class.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____