

MAP World History Homework Contract

Homework, as well as any other assessment technique, measures the level of the learned skill. According to the behaviorist viewpoint, learning involves adding specific responses to one's repertoire. According to the cognitive viewpoint, learning involves making sense of the learning situation (Mayer, 2003). I believe the homework that I assign in history class both reinforces ideas and concepts taught in class while also providing better depth of knowledge of historical events preparing students for classroom activities. I do not assign homework with the intent of providing busy work and would welcome parent feedback if you believe otherwise for any specific assignment. As a parent myself, I frequently either complete or evaluate homework assignments to determine their worth versus the cost to the student's time. Homework is listed nightly at <http://mrdaveyspage.com/> and is expected to be completed on time if the student chose the homework option.

If I elect to choose the **homework** option, I understand that:

- There will be homework on a regular basis though generally less frequently in the 2nd semester.
- Homework is 20% of my term grade if I am in the homework option.
- Homework is due the day after it is assigned unless you are absent.
- Homework will always be listed on <http://mrdaveyspage.com/> and it is the teacher's expectation that I check the site nightly.
- Three late homework assignments will be accepted for half credit.
- My three lowest homework scores over the course of the semester will be dropped.
- By doing homework, I have a much better chance of being successful in class.
- I will not receive credit for interactively highlighted homework if I do not show work. Just highlighting text is not complete.
- By doing homework, I am helping my class win a pizza party at the end of the term.
- Homework is to be put in the box by the teacher's desk and it is my responsibility to put it there.

If I elect to choose the **NO homework** option I understand that:

- The 20% of my term grade that would be homework will now be split from participation, projects, tests, and the final exam.
- I forfeit the right to do extra credit except on tests.
- I am still responsible for the material assigned since homework reading is important from test preparation.
- Team presentations do not count as homework but participation and projects.
- Debate preparation and trials do not count as homework. They are expected for class participation
- Attending three school events is not homework but a participation requirement.

I _____ choose: (please select one)
(Print Student Name)

Option 1: Homework is graded and will account for 20% of the student's grade _____. I recognize I can attain up to 25 points extra credit for the semester

Option 2: Homework is not graded and the 20% will be split equally amongst the other categories _____ (please note: work that is completed for projects and papers are not included here and must be turned in for credit)

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

