

Welcome to Ms. Burdick's 7th Grade Humanities Class!

Below you will find some guidelines and procedures that will help us enjoy our year together and allow you to learn as much as possible.

RULES

All FMS rules will be strictly enforced as per the Fisher Middle School Student Handbook.

SPECIFIC CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to:

- Enter the room quietly and on time
- Come to class prepared with homework assignments, pencils, pens, and other necessities
- Sit in their assigned seat (unless otherwise directed) and begin the Do Now
- Work according to the instructions and follow all procedures

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Throughout the year, students are expected to:

- Work to their fullest potential
- Respect *all* opinions expressed by peers
- Develop and maintain a strong sense of self-discipline and perseverance

You can expect Ms. Burdick to:

- Hand back assignments in a timely fashion
- Treat *all* opinions and answers with respect
- Be available for questions, help with assignments, and anything else you might need
- **Believe in the potential of each and every one of you!**

POLICIES

Absences:

- Please try to notify Ms. Burdick of a potential absence as soon as possible.
- For each day absent, students are allowed **one** day to make up the work (ex. 3 days absent = 3 days to make up work). This includes tests and quizzes.
- Students who miss a test or quiz due to an absence will complete an alternate version of the test or quiz.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices:

- All cell phones and electronic devices are to be locked in students' lockers.
- Violation of this policy will result in the following consequences:
 - **First offense:** Verbal warning, student will return device to locker
 - **Second offense:** Teacher confiscates device and sends it down to the Main Office, where a parent/guardian will have to sign it out (FMS Handbook, pg. 6) **AND** Student receives an infraction.

Discipline:

A well-managed classroom should not have discipline problems. If, however, an issue arises, teachers will address the situation and issue an appropriate consequence:

- Verbal or non-verbal warning to student
- Conference with student outside of the classroom
- Completion of a Discipline Action Plan sheet
- Issuance of an infraction
- Parent contact
- Conference with Administration

Please note that consequences should be the last resort; procedures and policies are set in place proactively to avoid any disciplinary issues.

Grading:

Grade breakdown is as follows:

- Homework (including Reading Logs) - 10%
- Test and Projects - 25%
- Class Work and Participation - 30%
- Quizzes and Writing Assignments - 35%

Late Policy

Assignments submitted late will receive the following per diem point deduction:

- Reading Logs: 1 point deducted for each school day late
- Homework assignments: 50% deducted after first day late, 0 credit after two days
- Major projects and writing assignments: 30% deducted for each school day late

Prohibited Items:

The following items are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from the classroom. Student will be asked to remove the item OR the item will be confiscated and parent/guardian will be contacted. These include:

- Articles of clothing with profane words, statements, or images
- Bandanas (unless they are worn as a hair band)
- Book bags - **MUST** be left in students' lockers
- Hats (unless for religious purposes)
- **Fidget spinners**
- Food or drink of any kind (unless permitted by teacher or doctor)
- Personal electronic devices (**See policy at top of page**)