

Bingham's Bridging History: Class Procedures

Supply List

Listening to videos and audio files is a big part of this class;

So bring your ear buds or headphones every day.

Besides a reliable pencil or two and a pen, you will need the following:

8 two pocket folders & 3 -4 composition books.

You will only need one at a time for a particular unit. *Bring one of each every day.*

Please bring a box of facial tissue for our general use.

Three Simple Rules

1. Listen When Someone Else is Talking.
2. Engage Your Brain.
3. Bring your Stuff Every Day.

While in Class

- Speak in a normal tone of voice, always.
- Because paying attention is becoming a lost art, I employ a system to assist students in practicing this vital life skill. The acronym is SLANT. Sit up, Lean forward, Ask & answer questions, Nod your head, and Track the speaker.
- Immediately upon entering the class room, check in the wire basket(s) and pick up any handouts, proceed quietly to a table, and begin working on the next assignment on your Scoring Sheet alone, quietly, by yourself.
- When I say "Listen up", students stop talking immediately (not at the end of a thought or sentence) and listen for instructions. Indicate non-verbally for others to "listen up."
- Please do not interrupt the instructor (that's me) while directions are being given. Ask questions to clarify, ask to go to the restroom or ask to sharpen your pencil - after instructions are completed.
- Raise your hand for permission to speak. If you wish to go to the restroom, raise your hand with your fingers crossed. I will give you a non-verbal response indicating either "yes", "no", or "wait a few minutes".
- Students will exhibit courtesy and respect toward all other students at all times. Hateful comments concerning race, gender, sexuality, political views, appearance, or any other characteristic will not be tolerated.
- The clock does not dismiss the class, it simply reminds me that I have the option of allowing you to leave. That will not happen until I have finished my thought or given you an assignment. Do not begin packing or leave your seat until instructed to do so.
- The room will be neat and orderly with the tables and chairs returned to their normal place when you leave. Really.

Other Important Stuff

- If you **miss class** for any reason, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed – class moves on without you! Your best tools to accomplish this is access to the GradeSpeed online grade-book and the class web site - BinghamPlace.com.
- **BinghamPlace.com** is available for downloadable copies of secondary and primary sources, links to publisher companion sites, images, charts & maps, blogs, practice quizzes, videos, video tutorials and links to

specific web content. All of this is organized by unit for relevance and ease of use.

- You get one copy of a handout. If you lose it, it's down loadable on the website, if you're lucky. Use your pocket folder for this – one for each unit.
- "I don't know" is not an option for your answer to my question(s). I understand that you may not always know things, that's why you are taking this course. You will however, make an effort; it is my job to guide you toward better answers.
- I say everything once. I don't argue with students.
- If you take my time, I'll take yours. Translation: "If you use class time, there won't be any homework, if you waste class time, YOU do have homework." Get it?
- There are no "free days." Don't ask.
- Between classes is not the time for questions or informational updates. Email me or see me after school, better yet, check the web site!
- The best way to reach me any time is by using the "**Contact Me**" form on the web site.



Grading

- You will earn points for each assignment (see the Constructive Learning page on the web site.) To earn those points, you need to tell me you are ready. I'll ask some questions. If you can show you learned, you'll get the points, if you can't, you'll do the assignment again.
- In order to track your progress and your grade, you and I will maintain a **Unit Scoring Sheet**. It lives in the file cabinet in my room, not the bottom of your backpack. Have it with you at all times during class.
- In order for you to know what you are supposed to learn (and therefore earn points toward your grade), you will have a **Learning Targets Plan**. You may keep this with you, or leave it in the file cabinet. You can also download a copy from the web site.
- My goal is for your grades to reflect your learning as closely as possible.
- The semester final exam will account for 25% of the semester grade – it pays to be organized!
- Make up assessments and re-assessments are available during lunch. You must make an appointment with me at least one day in advance.
- The Social Studies Department offers one extra credit opportunity per marking period. These are known as "HSPVA Choices" debates. Learn more about them on the web site.