

Policies and Procedures; Bingham's Class Advanced Placement World History (WHAP)

I'm excited to begin the 2019 -20 school year with you, and the most important thing parents and students should know about me is this: my primary commitment is to your growth as a student, a lifelong learner, and as an ethical human being. I probably want you to be successful more than you do. I love this stuff! So here are the most important things you (adults and students) need to know.

1. **98% of what you need to know, or will likely want to know, can be found on my web site, BinghamPlace.com or the GradeSpeed on-line grade book.** Seriously.
2. This is a college class. During our time, we will discuss a variety of topics related to the human story. These include;
 - Current events
 - Political views
 - Religion
 - Blunt feedback (Intended to help a student grow)
 - Stuff other 15-year-olds say in a discussion based classParents and guardians, please consider your student in light of these realities.
3. I hate cheating. If you cheat, I'll give you a zero, refer you to the administration for discipline, never write you a letter of recommendation, and make it my mission in life to ensure that everyone knows you are a dirty little cheater. Oh, and my soul will die a little every time I look at your face.
4. The entire course is laid out for the entire year on the class calendar (see #1 above). Compare that calendar to your own life events, and plan accordingly. For example, you will be reading over school breaks.
5. I only have, and will ensure you comply with, three simple rules;
 - **Listen** when someone is talking, especially if that someone is me!
 - **Engage** your brain (students often make the fatal mistake of thinking that the current activity does not apply to them.)
 - **Trust Me:** Perform exactly the work I instruct you to do, the way I instruct you, (please honor me with your trust.)
6. School supplies, see #1 above.
7. The best way to reach me is through the contact form (see #1 above)
8. Grading policies:
 - Almost every time I see you, you will be assessed in some way.
 - Reading checks count for 45% of your grade.
 - Summative assessments (open ended tests or essays) are 45% of your grade.
 - Synthesis exercises are 10% of your grade.
 - The semester final counts as 20% of your semester grade.
 - Unit test are curved in the first semester, not in the second.

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parent/guardian email address

parent/guardian signature