



United States Studies

7th Grade

Mr. Machemehl bmachemehl@lp.k12.mn.us

This class will focus on United States history along with a strong emphasis on citizenship and government. Students will learn about people, issues and events of significance to this nation's history from 1800 to current. Students will examine the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights and Supreme Court decisions for their lasting impact on the American people, economy and government. Students will also create and use detailed maps of places in the United States and conduct historical research on a topic in the nation's history.

Class will include:

Lectures and note taking
Projects (group/ individual)
Research Paper/ Project

Quizzes/ Tests
Student Presentations
Reading

Review Activities
Daily Assignments
Discussions/Debates

Required Classroom Materials:

- Textbook Civics in Practice and Call to Freedom
- Pen/Pencil (**Black or Blue**)
- Agenda Book (Planner)
- Notebook
- Folder
- Book cover

Classroom Rules

Aside from what the district has established in the student handbook, I have a few additional expectations. Classroom rules include the following:

- MAKE AN EFFORT!!!
- RESPECT me, your classmates, others within the building and any school property.
- Sit in your assigned seat unless directed otherwise.
- Bring required materials to class every day unless directed otherwise. There will be a 1-strike penalty for not bringing all your materials. 3-strikes equals a detention.
- In class work time for assignments and projects is a privilege. If not used properly it can be taken away.
- Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Anyone involved in the cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. If it happens more than once the student will receive an F for that Quarter.



Homework, Late Work and Extra Credit

Homework is expected to be handed in, on time for full credit. Each class has its own basket at the side of the room, and all homework must be placed in the basket by the due date in class for credit. After the due date late work is worth 50%. If late work is not received within 3 days, it may be entered in the grade book as a zero. There will be periodic extra credit opportunities, but you must have all homework completed to get it, even if the late work is entered as a zero. If you are having difficulties, please see me right away and we'll work together to figure out the material. It is easier to help when the problem is brought to my attention early rather than at the end of the semester or year.

Make-up Work

All students are responsible for getting any work that was missed, or setting up a time to take missed quizzes or exams. For each day that you are gone that is how many days following the absence you get to take care of all you make-up work. You should make arrangements to get any missed notes, and be sure to collect any missed assignments.

Grading	A	93-100	C	73-76
	A-	90-92	C-	70-72
	B+	87-89	D+	67-69
	B	83-86	D	63-66
	B-	80-82	D-	60-62
	C+	77-79	F	59 and below

Grades will be broken down in the following way:

Homework and Participation: 40%

Tests and Quizzes: 35%

Projects: 25%

Class Website

I will do my best to keep my class website up to date and put important information and dates on it as well. To find my class website go to the Lester Prairie School's website and on the top go to High School 6-12, then go down to Academics and then to Social Studies.

Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reasons or to ask questions. I will be at school from 7:30 to 3:30 (usually later than 3:30) If arranged I can come in or stay later than that.

Email: bmachemehl@lp.k12.mn.us

School Phone: 320-395-2521

Stay Informed About Class

If you would like to stay informed on class happenings, there are many options for you! You can always check my website for updates. You can find me on Twitter at @MrMachemehl (You don't have to have Twitter to look for me. All you have to do is do an Internet search for Mr Machemehl Twitter). I also have a notification system called Remind. If you sign up for it I can send Text Messages from my computer to you phone! See the attached sheet for more information and how to subscribe. If you have any questions on these please ask them!



Your First Assignment: Cover your textbook and have your parents sign and return your syllabus contract by next Tuesday (Sep. 8th)!

SYLLABUS Contract

I have read and understood Mr. Machemehl's class syllabus and rules.

_____ (Student's Name)
_____ (Student Signature)
_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

Contact Information

1. Name of parent or guardian:

2. Phone number for the above individual:

3. Email for the above individual:
