

**STAR VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE U.S. HISTORY**  
**MR. MILNE**

**DESCRIPTION:** This course will cover the history of the United States up to through the Civil War. The major units or themes we will be covering include: Native Americans, Discovery & Colonization of America, Revolutionary War, Constitution, Westward Expansion, Civil War.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

1. 3-ring binder, folder or notebook for class notes and organization
2. Spiral notebook for journal writing
3. Colored Pencils
4. Pen or pencil
5. Textbook
6. Planner

**These materials need to be brought to class EVERYDAY!**

**ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:** Assignments will be given each day. If students do not finish during class time, they will be expected to finish at home. It will be the student's responsibility to see the teacher about any missed work.

1. Absent work will be accepted for full credit up to one week from the date missed. After one week it will become late work.
2. Late work will be accepted.
3. Test re-takes are allowed up to 80%
4. Extra credit will be limited in my classroom. Students will earn their grades by being attentive, completing assignments, quizzes and tests.

**At the end of each term all quiz, test and assignment scores will be averaged and a letter grade assigned according to the following:**

<b>93-100=A</b>	<b>83-86=B</b>	<b>73-76=C</b>	<b>63-66=D</b>
<b>90-92=A-</b>	<b>80-82=B-</b>	<b>70-72=C-</b>	<b>60-62=D-</b>
<b>87-89=B+</b>	<b>77-79=C+</b>	<b>67-69=D+</b>	<b>0-59=F</b>

**NO FAIL POLICY – If all work is turned in, you will not fail.**

**CITIZENSHIP** - A student's citizenship grade will follow the school matrix and will be based on being:

1. **Safe** – Appropriate behavior to keep yourself and others safe.
2. **Respectful** – Respect other people and their property, appropriate class behavior.
3. **Responsible** – Be to class on time, have all materials & assignments.

**JOURNALS:** The first five minutes of each class period will be spent writing in journals. The topics will cover history and current events. Each entry is worth two points and must be three lines or longer.

**LEARNING GOALS:** Each day students will write down the learning goal for the day and at the end of class explain what they have learned.

**PLANNERS:** Students need to bring planners to class everyday and keep them updated. They will be checked every week for a citizenship grade.

**CONFERENCES:** Students are invited and encouraged to discuss their progress with me at any time. Students will receive progress reports periodically to help keep them and you updated.

You can also check grades by going to <http://ps.lcsd2.org/public/> and entering in your student's user name and password. Another helpful site to get information regarding this class and information about SVMS is <http://www.svms.lcsd2.org>

If you're concerned or have questions, I will be happy to schedule a meeting with you at your convenience. You can reach me at SVMS (885-5208) or email me at [smilne@lcsd2.org](mailto:smilne@lcsd2.org) and I will be happy to visit with you.

**WEBSITE:** Students and parents are encouraged to use my website. My website includes a weekly schedule, when assignments are due, notes & worksheets that can be printed off, links to other important websites, and instructions to assignments. Students who miss school can stay caught up and parents can keep informed of what is happening in class. This is a great asset.

Use it!

[http://www.svms.lcsd2.org/staff/Milne\\_\\_Scott/](http://www.svms.lcsd2.org/staff/Milne__Scott/)

Or you can access it by going to the school website at: <http://www.svms.lcsd2.org/> and clicking on staff.

**I have read and discussed this with my parents/guardians and understand what will be expected of me during this year.**

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature