

Classical Connections

Mr. Martin & Ms. Osborn | 2018 - 2019

Course and Contact Information



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1st Period: Classical Connections

2nd Period: Classical Connections

3rd Period: Planning

4th Period: Planning

Echo

<https://bengaltags.echo-ntn.org/>



Course Description

This course focuses on developing students' ability to critically read, think, discuss, and write about literature, history, and real world events until 1500 AD. Students study the origins of much of our heritage using texts, maps, pictures, stories, diagrams, charts, chronological skills, inquiry research skills, and technology. Students will collaborate with group members and demonstrate oral communication skills with each project. This course is designed to assure that students are prepared for the World History I SOL in May and the Writing SOL in their tenth-grade year.

Virginia Standards of Learning & New Tech Learning Objectives

This course is designed around the VA Standards of Learning for Social Studies and 9th Grade English. This course will also focus on the New Tech Academy Learning Objectives.

Assignments and Grading Scale

Grades are based on students levels of proficiency in the New Tech Academy Learning Objectives.

Grading Scale

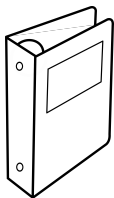
Knowledge and Thinking: 50%
Oral Communication: 15%
Written Communication: 15%
Agency: 10%
Collaboration: 10%

A+ 100-97	C 76-73
A 96-93	C- 72-70
A- 92-90	D+ 69-68
B+ 89-87	D 67-66
B 86-83	D - 65-60
B- 82-80	F 59 & below
C+ 79-77	

Grades will be available to students and parents in ECHO and PowerSchool. Students will receive interim reports every **three** weeks and report cards every **six** weeks.



Materials Needed



Three ring binder
(at least 1 1/2 inches)

Notebook Paper

Highlighter

Pencil OR BLACK ink pen

Headphones

Book for SSR Reading

Optional: Index Cards

Cooperative Learning and Participation

We often work in groups. This work requires you to pull your own weight and to cooperate (even with people you don't like). Grades will be based on the New Tech Academy Learning Objectives.

Be a team player!

It is important to be alert and involved in class. While our discussions may get lively, we must be respectful of our tone and words. Learn to disagree without being disagreeable.

Your opinion counts!



Policies

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Late Work Policy & Extra Credit

Late work will be accepted for up to 5 days after the due date, but students will be subtracted 10 points every day it is late, earning a 0 if the assignment is turned in more than 5 days late. Any students who turn in work late should turn in a late work form to the teachers to notify them of late work being turned in.

Extra Credit will be offered only if the student has turned in all other work and it will be offered on a case by case basis.



Technology

We will be utilizing various resources to access the Internet to research, review material, and for other purposes.



You must hold yourselves to high expectations when you use these resources. Your time must be spent well.

Unless it is specifically stated by the teacher that cell phones may be used, cell phones must be kept away at all times. If a cell phone is visible or used during class at an inappropriate time or in an inappropriate way it will be given to administration immediately.

Students are expected to follow HCPS BYOD and Acceptable Use Policies.

Academic Dishonesty



Definition: copying the language, structure, or idea of another and representing it as one's own work.

Consequences:

1st offense: Student will be asked to have a conference with the teachers and will be offered an alternative assignment.

2nd offense and beyond: Student receives an administrative referral and will be offered an alternative assignment.

Refrain from even the appearance of plagiarism. When in doubt, **cite your sources!**

Do NOT google terms or assignments or share work of any kind with other classmates.

Classroom Wishlist

If you would like to donate, visit our classroom Amazon wishlist at <http://a.co/2mb4CPM>

Other Policies

Classroom Norms

Classroom Norms will be developed by the class during the first week of school. However, it is the expectation that students will demonstrate the following character traits at all times.

- Trust
- Respect
- Responsibility

Missing Work Policy

- Student is responsible for checking what may have been missed while absent in ECHO.
- Students are responsible for retrieving work missed while absent from the teachers.
- Students who missed an assignment due to absence should complete an absent work form and turn in work due during absence when they return.

Silent Sustained Reading (SSR)

As a county-wide initiative, students in grades 3-9 will participate in 20 minutes of silent, independent reading at the beginning of each class period. Students should come into class and immediately begin reading. The use of tablets, cell phones, and earbuds/headphones will be prohibited during this time (unless with permission). Students are required to keep a daily reading log that will be discussed in periodic teacher-student conferences.