

You might want to pick up the following item (**one each per student**) on the graph table near the map of the world:

**1. Course Outline and Policies Packet**



If you want to follow along with this evening's presentation, access [mrhousch.com/Assignments](http://mrhousch.com/Assignments) (Look for the Assignment for August 20, 2020)

Mr.

HOUSCH.COM

A photograph of Mr. Housch, a man with a shaved head, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a black and white striped tie. He is smiling and standing with his hands on his hips. The background behind him is a collage of American history-related images, including an American flag, a map of the United States, and book covers for 'Indian Captive' and 'My Brother Sam Is Dead'.

MR. HOUSCH



AMERICAN  
HISTORY

- Mr. Housch was born and raised in the Civil War area of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from the McCallie School on Missionary Ridge.
- He received his college degree in History and Political Science from Taylor University in Indiana.
- He received his teaching certification and his Masters in History from Shippensburg University.
- Mr. Housch and his wife, Martha, live in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They have two sons, Matt and Dan.
- This is his 16th year teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade American History.
- Mr. Housch is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park.

In American Cultures (American History) we will attempt to introduce you to some of the following time periods/events/subjects:



**WE THE PEOPLE** of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, to insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

*Article I. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.*

*Section 1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.*

*Section 2. The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.*

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# The First Americans, the Indians/Native Americans



# The First Explorers of the Americas



# The British Colonies



# The American Revolution



# Forming a National Government



# Expanding the Territory of Our Nation



# Industrial Revolution



# California Gold Rush

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# Slavery



# American Civil War



You may see an online version of the Course Outline and Expectations on my website ([mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com)).



You are responsible for knowing your assignments, as they will usually be posted weeks ahead of time, in the classroom and on the website [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com). On [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) the assignments can be accessed at the area marked [Upcoming Assignments](#) or [Dates to Remember](#). **There is no excuse for coming to school and not knowing what your homework was for the previous day(s) or in the future.**



Mrhousch.com is also the source for your lessons. We will not be using a textbook. You may download these items to your device so that you may look at them at your leisure whether the internet is working at school at that moment or not.

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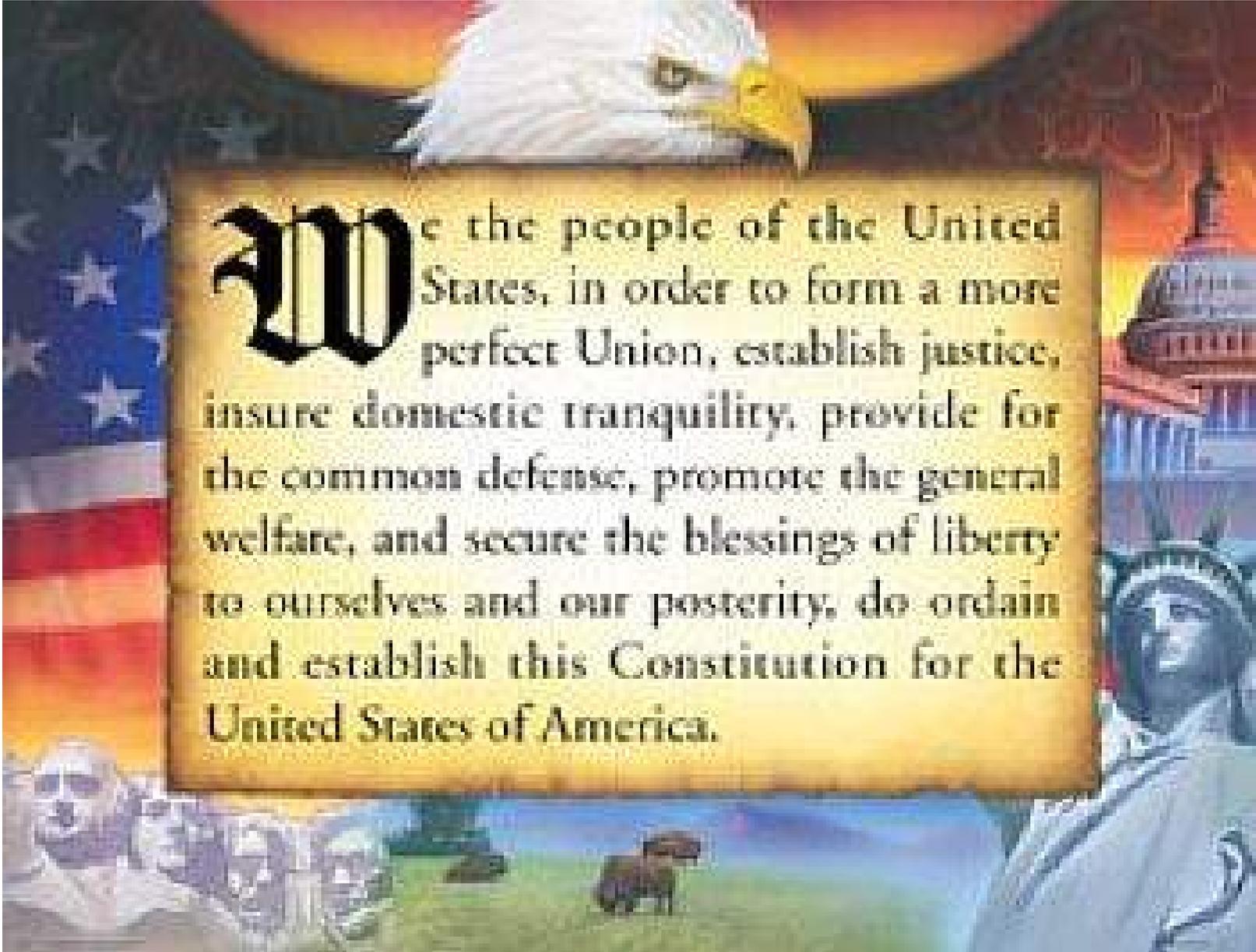
**American Classics Tests--** Each student will complete **four** “American Classics” tests this year, which will demonstrate knowledge of some of the basic works of American history.



**American Classics Tests--** The American Classics tests (and other tests) will be graded according to the school's 1-4 grading system:

- 4-** The student has gone above and beyond in mastery of this material.
- 3-** The student has mastered this material.
- 2-** The student has acquired a basic understanding of this material.
- 1-** The student has not yet acquired a basic understanding of this material.

September 24, 2020- Write or recite from memory  
the **Preamble** to the U.S. Constitution.



**W**e the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

October 22, 2020- Write or recite from memory the first verse to **“The Star Spangled Banner.”**



# November 23, 2020- Correctly identify the **Fifty States** of the United States.



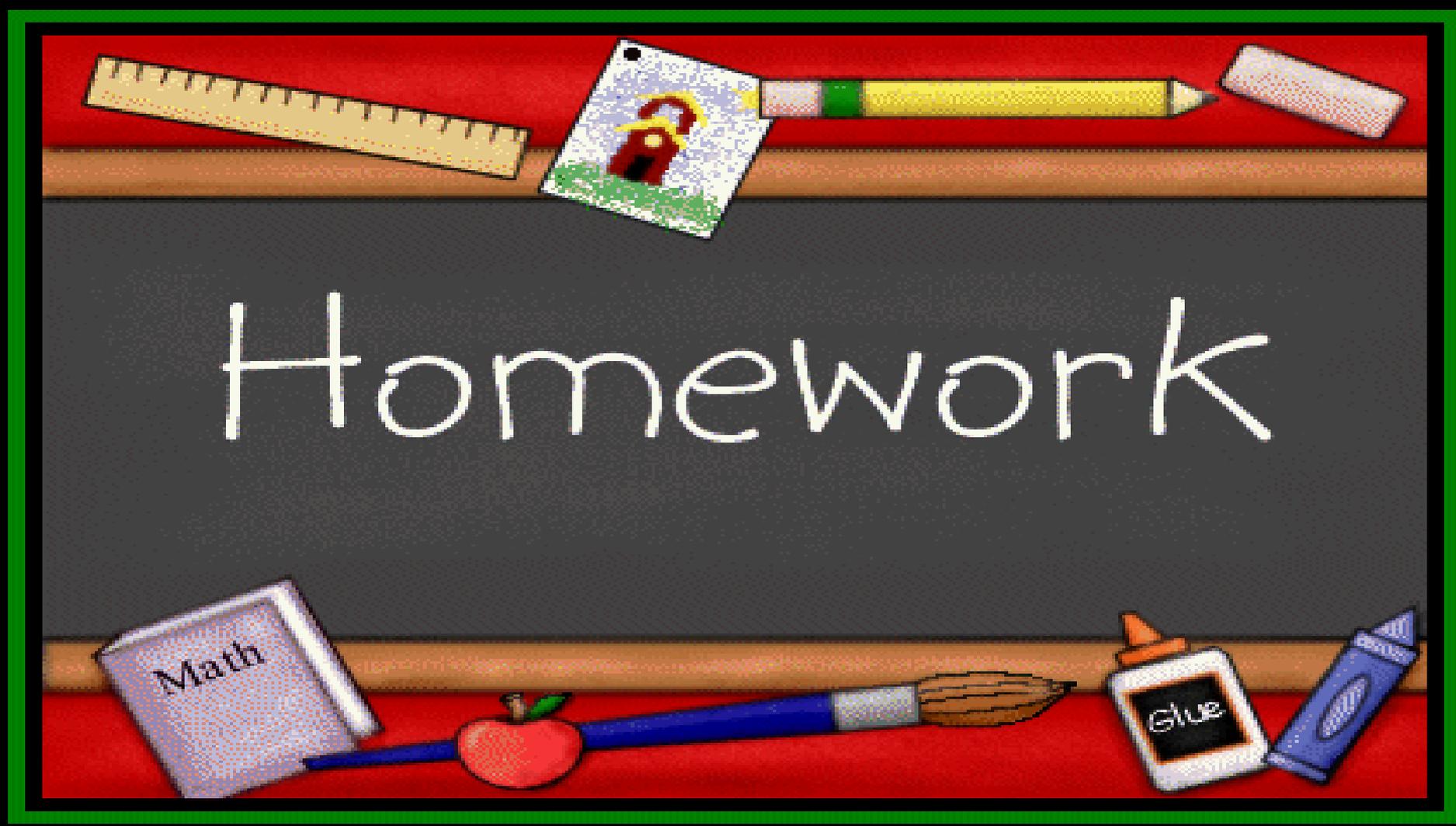
**January 8, 2021-** Recite or write from memory the first two paragraphs of the **Gettysburg Address**.



One may take each test **three times** (without penalty) until the dates listed above.



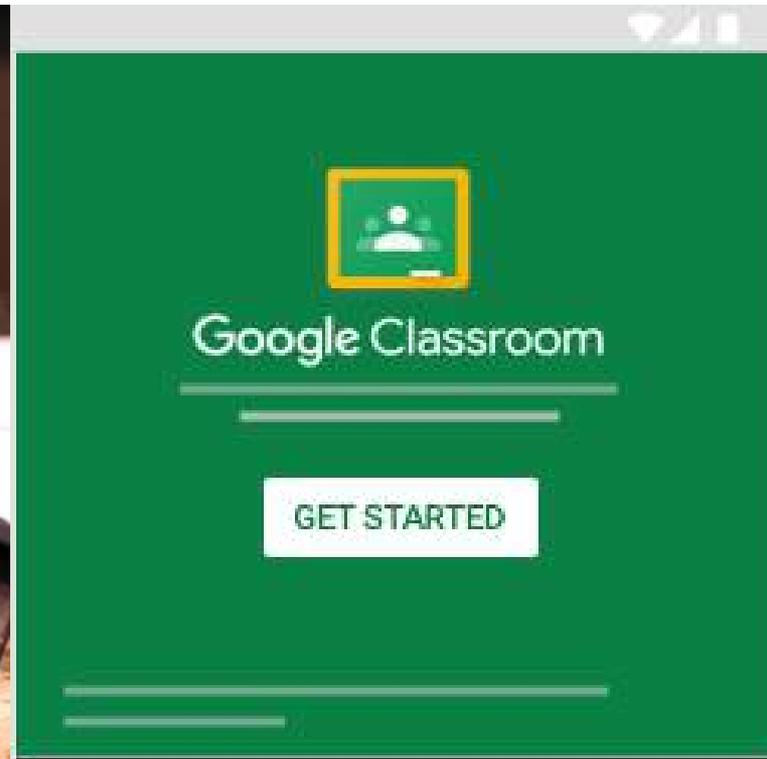
It is strongly recommended that you do your homework assignments. The reading assignments will help you to be oriented during beginning of class more quickly and help you better prepare for the class tests.



Homework

The homework assignments in the class will be mostly one of doing your reading from the lesson on [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com). This image is courtesy of the Whitman Hansen School District.

After you read your lesson on [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com), you will look over Study Guides for that lesson, and take a Pre-Test on that material using Google Classroom.



The Pre-Test will be used to judge how much effort that you put into your assignment for that evening. This image is courtesy of [bigwormscff.org](http://bigwormscff.org).

Many days your homework assignments will be:

1. Go to [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) and look at the homework for today's date:
2. On [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) Read the "Basics" section of a lesson (Vocabulary words, people to know, and maps)
3. On [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) Read the "Story" section of a lesson (The Story lesson tells the narrative or story about what you are studying).
4. On [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) under "Related Documents" look over the [Quiz Study Guide](#) for that lesson.
5. On [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) under "Related Documents" look over the [Map Study Guide](#) for that lesson.
6. On [Google Classroom](#) take the [Quiz Pre-Test](#) on the lesson that you read.
7. Think about the [Essay question](#) for that day's lesson.

**Academic Class Work** Besides the American Classics tests, students will be graded on quizzes/tests that we will have approximately once a week.



The quizzes and tests will be on whatever we have covered during that week. They will usually consist of an overall quiz, a geography quiz, and an essay. This image is courtesy of [walesonline.co.uk](http://walesonline.co.uk).

Approximately once a week you will have an “overall” history quiz on previous lessons, a Map Test from previous lessons, and an essay.



The essay questions will be presented to you throughout the week. Look at [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com) for the essay questions for each lesson. This image is courtesy of hotdog.com.

We will have three classroom debates this year.



This image shows former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and entrepreneur Donald Trump during the 2016 Presidential Campaign. This image is courtesy of [bbc.com](http://bbc.com).

## Our debate topics will be: Immigration...



This image is courtesy of [usimmigrationjourney.com](http://usimmigrationjourney.com)

...Gun control...



This image is courtesy of forcechange.com

## ... and Privacy versus Security.



This image is courtesy of [healthinforwars.blogspot.com](http://healthinforwars.blogspot.com)

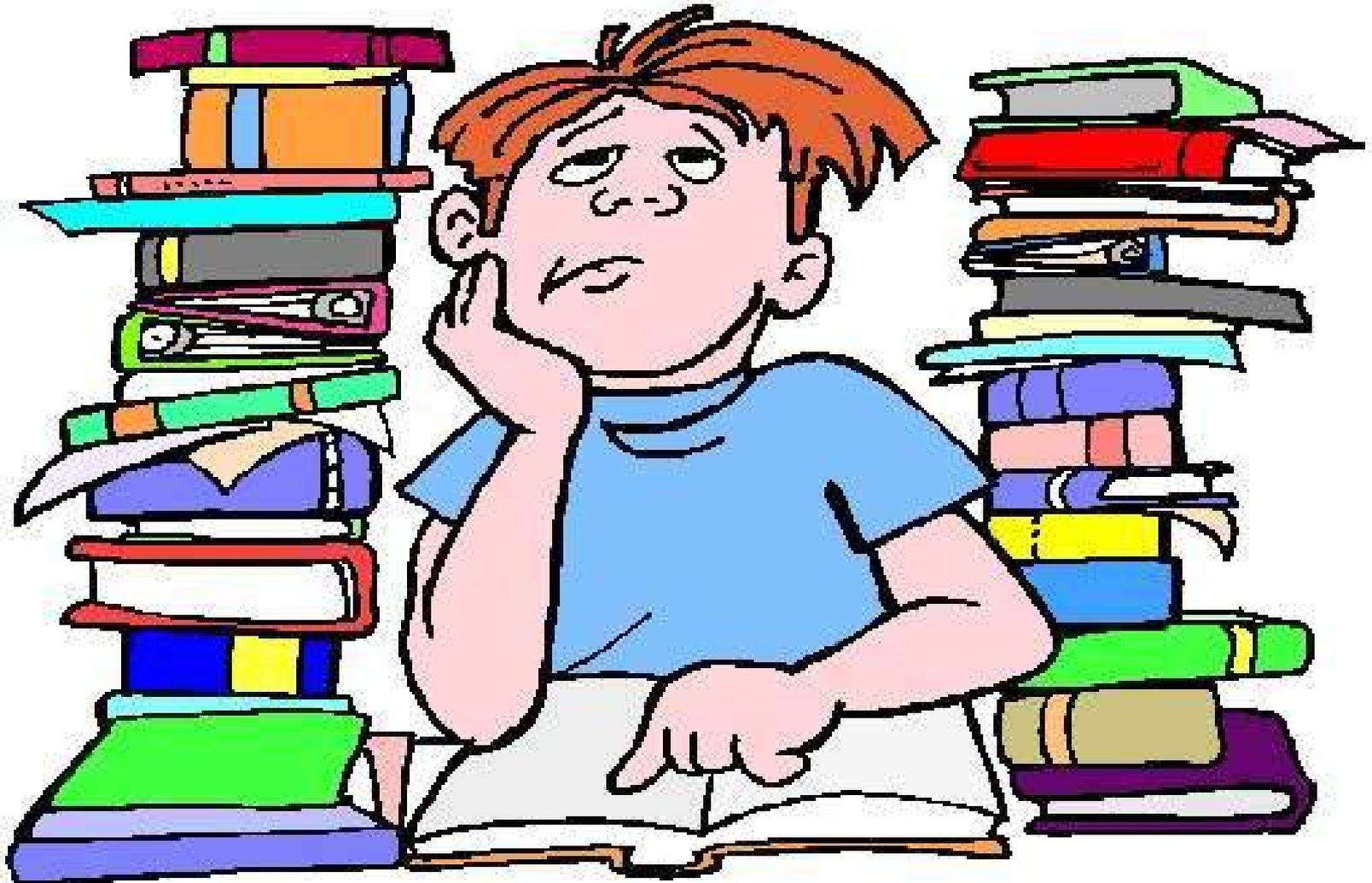
**If you miss any or all of a debate, your makeup work will be:** Go through local newspapers and census records and compile a database for the Hanover community.



It is up to you to makeup any or all work that you have missed. Be responsible. Mr. Housch is not going to chase you down. This image shows the Hanover, Pennsylvania town square in 1863. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

## Makeup Work

Any test on which you score **less than a “2”** needs to be taken again until you show that you understand the material on which you were tested.



It is your responsibility to make up this work. You have one week from when the test was given to makeup the work. This image is courtesy of hotdogs.com.

**Notebooks**—Students will acquire a notebook for this class with an approximate 2 inch wide spine. **If you cannot acquire a notebook, let Mr. Housch know.**



You need your own large three ring notebook for this class by **Friday**.



This image is courtesy of [mrhousch.com](http://mrhousch.com).

**Notebooks**—Students need to acquire headphones/earphones for this class.



Sometimes there will be short video clips to listen to as part of a lesson. This image is courtesy of [tourtalksystem.com](http://tourtalksystem.com).

We will have a field trip to Gettysburg this school year.



This is the Pennsylvania State Monument. This image was taken by Mr. Housch on January 17, 2010.

6<sup>th</sup> Period Tuesday January 5, 2021  
7<sup>th</sup> Period Wednesday January 6, 2021  
8<sup>th</sup> Period Thursday January 7, 2021



We will be taking a South Western school bus. Our “snow dates” are January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. This image is courtesy of scholastic.com.

We will be leaving after the students get their lunch on those days.



This image shows Cafeteria A of Emory H. Markle Intermediate School. This image was taken by Mr. Housch on August 24, 2010.

Mr. Housch is a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide and will be leading the class around the battlefield that afternoon.



This image was taken on East Cemetery Hill. Culp's Hill is in the right background. This image was taken by another Mr. Housch on February 18, 2011.

You will return to Emory H. Markle before school is dismissed.



This image is courtesy of the South Western School District.

# Your “homework” is:

- A. Acquire a Notebook if you do not yet have one.
  
- B. Acquire headphones/earphones if you do not have them.
  
- C. Bring Back the Course Outline Signature sheet signed by your parent/guardian.

Any questions, please ask Mr. Housch.

