SOCIAL STUDIES/ LANGUAGE ARTS
MR. BREECE’S GREAT EXPECTATIONS

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:
1. Conduct themselves in a SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, and HONORABLE manner at all times.

2. Be familiar with and follow the general Miller Creek Middle School rules as explained in the 2019-2020 Miller Creek Student Handbook in the student planner.

3. Be good citizens by respecting themselves, others, and the environment; by coming to class prepared, on time, and ready to work each day with their tools: assigned books, notebooks, and several pens and pencils; by participating in class in a positive and courteous manner; by working cooperatively; by not talking while the music is playing.

4. Complete all assigned readings, and homework assignments. Work is due on the assigned day. In the first trimester daily homework will be accepted for credit NO LATER than the next class meeting after the date that it was due, and will then receive partial credit. In the second trimester late homework will only be accepted for partial credit by the end of the day on which it is due. In the third trimester NO late homework will be accepted for credit. Projects and major writing assignments will lose significant points for each day late.

5. Complete all written work in BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY. Use proper heading, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Work done in pencil or another color ink WILL NOT be accepted, and must be redone to receive partial credit. Most homework will be done in the notebook. Students may do written homework assignments on the computer. Work is to be submitted in hard copy except as part of the Amplify program in language arts.

6. Answer the daily warm-up questions in writing and participate in the class discussions. Be active and critical thinkers, listeners, writers, and speakers. Correct and add to answers during discussions and take notes during class. Use technology in a responsible manner.

7. Make up any work missed due to absences. If the absence is due to an illness, doctor’s appointment, or other such short term reason it is the student’s responsibility to check School Loop to find out the work that was missed and complete it and turn it in. Whenever possible, work should be completed before the student returns to class. If the absence is longer or planned (like a trip), then follow the rules for independent study in the Handbook to find out what work will be missed and turn it in on the first day back at school. In either case the student should check my web site on School Loop to find the class warm-up questions, activities, and homework that were missed; most handouts will be available for download in the Language Arts locker on school loop. A few extra handouts are kept in a folder by the classroom door.

8. Remember everything they learn and to save all of their work including study guides, tests, and homework for future reference.

9. Prepare for exams which be announced in advance. This means using the study guide provided, going over assigned readings, as well as reviewing notes and homework assignments.

10. Be prepared! Listen to the music! Embrace challenging work! Learn a lot! Have fun!
COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:
Regular homework will consist of reading as well as written assignments and so will earn credit in both Social Studies and Language Arts under the category of general homework. Projects may affect both subjects or be subject specific. Each course will also have assessments specific to itself (i.e. literature, grammar tests, Amplify assignments and writing assignments in English; midterms and finals in Social Studies). Students will have an individual grade assigned for each course. In Social Studies the points will be equally divided between tests and other assignments, so that 50% of the grade is based on tests and 50% on homework, class participation, and other assignments; in Language Arts 40% will be from tests (some of which are oral presentations) and 60% from projects and other assignments. SAFETY NET: Every student who EITHER completes and earns credit for all the homework and projects (earning at least 70% of the total points possible) OR maintains a passing test average (> 70%) is guaranteed at least a passing grade (C-) in the course. Two citizenship grades will be earned each grading period based on the criteria in the expectations outlined above in numbers 1, 3, 10.

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