

Achievement Expectations

- AC students are expected to maintain a B- or higher all year long.
- Cs, Ds, or Fs are warning signs to the teacher.
 - Are assignments completed on time?
 - Is the quality of work the best possible?
 - Are assigned readings completed for understanding?
 - Are questions asked to end confusion or misunderstanding?
 - Is help found when needed?
 - Are other activities taking up study time?

Working to Improve

- Not everyone will earn 100% the first time every time.
- AC students continue to work on weaknesses until they become strengths.
- Re-take opportunities will be available on most quizzes and assignments.
- Skills learned early in the year will be used again later.



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Tougher Questions

- AC students will be asked tougher questions.
- AC students will engage higher-order questions.
- AC students will learn to identify higher-order questions.
- AC students will write and answer higher-order questions.



Better Answers

- When given the same questions, an AC student should provide a better answer than a typical 7th grade student.
 - More care is taken to ensure the answer is factual and accurate.
 - Include more relevant details.
 - Use clear language to give an accurate answer.



More Classwork/Homework???

- AC classes will cover material in more detail than regular classes.
- AC students can complete assignments quicker than most students.
- AC students can read more pages for understanding than most students.
- AC students who use class time wisely may have little homework despite completing more work.

HONEWORK

Research/Writing Projects

- AC students will complete a challenging history-based project each quarter, unless time does not permit it (It's a new curriculum, so the timing of lessons is subject to change).
- Projects are expected to be completed to the best of each student's abilities.
- AC students will learn and be expected to use writing rules and strategies.
- AC students will cover at least as much content as regular classes in addition to completing a project each quarter.
- AC students will be expected to efficiently use work time in class to reduce the amount of work required outside of class.

Why all this extra stuff??

- Preparation for future AP classes
- Creates a need for organization and study skills
- Fits the abilities of the AC student



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