



**One pair of COTTON gloves.
Please no latex or 'garden' gloves.**

One dedicated notebook.

**Book cover. Paper bag is the best cover.
No book sock!**

All class information at www.argshistory.com

HELLO, LISTED BELOW ARE ALL OF THE SUGGESTIONS I GIVE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO HELP INCREASE STUDENT PERFORMANCE.

If you would like to make a donation to the department, please use the Amazon link: <http://a.co/4mpJaqT>

My website www.argshistory.com contains information on the following:

Current assignments and due dates

Class information: Chapters of the book

My personal notes used for class (I use the notes to make the test)

Vocabulary sheet per chapter

Primary sources for each chapter (supplementary material)

Syllabus

MP3's of my lessons

Your student will have a folder for his/her tests & pre-tests and I will usually get them graded no later than one week after being taken. As part of a grade, students are responsible for keeping all tests & pre-tests as well as having them signed by a parent/guardian. Details are in the syllabus.

Some suggestions for your student:

- Assignments must be completed and on time, especially the notes on the chapter sections so the students are not focusing on taking a full set of notes during class and can instead actively participate and simply augment their notes during class.
 - Not completing assignments can and often will severely adversely affect final grades.
 - I do not accept assignments for previous chapters because the object of completing the notes is so that students can be prepared for the test.
- Students must pay attention and follow instructions, both written and verbal.
 - Any instructions I give are written and I go over them verbally.
- At the beginning of new chapters, I pre-test all classes; even though the pre-test does not affect their grades if they perform poorly students should still make some preparation for taking the test.
 - The pre-test gives students an understanding of the expectations for the chapter.
 - Students receiving an "A" on the pre-test can accept the score as their real test and opt-out for the chapter.
 - This allows students to study for other classes, conduct research, and with permission go work in their focus area.
 - Students receive bonus points for making a passing grade on the pre-test which go towards their total test points.
- Students should take advantage of my notes to assist their studying efforts but my notes can not be the only source of material they use.
- Students who are having difficulty with essay questions should write a brief outline of the answer once they receive the test.
 - Sometimes students lose their direction/focus; the outline helps
 - I am looking for specific information, vague and ambiguous material does not help.
- Students have the opportunity for peer tutoring, arraignments can be made through Mr. Watson: cwatson@args.us
- The best way to contact me is through email: jstoneking@args.us I will usually respond within 24 hours.