**Classroom Expectations – Mr. Shields**

Canadian and World Studies Department

**Academic:**

* Be on time and be an active part of the class. The more you put in, the more you get out.
* Be prepared. Bring pens, paper, etc.
* All work is to be handed in according to deadline – which means on time! Due dates will be posted in the classroom and on Mr. Shields’ class website.
* Part of learning is researching and referencing in an appropriate way – Google certainly has value, but is not always the best for attaining learning skills.
* If you are absent take responsibility to catch up. Check the tray for handouts, check the website, and talk to your friends. I will 100% help if needed, but I also want to put some accountability onto you first.

**Behavioural:**

* Respect the classroom. **Do not** write/draw on desks, **do not** over-use classroom resources, **do** pick up any garbage and put it in the correct garbage/recycling bin, etc.
* Respect each other. Name-calling, pushing around, inappropriate gestures, etc. are not acceptable. Even when it is among ‘friends’ it is not – in my opinion – reflective of a positive school culture and will not be tolerated in my room.
* Washroom use. When you gotta go, you gotta go! That said, this will be monitored for overuse and if abused measures may have to be taken. Going to the washroom at the other end of the building and doing ‘laps’ is clearly abuse, and you are all smart enough to know that. Use breaks and lunch appropriately so this does not become an issue.
* 15 and 15 – Unless you have a Guidance apt. or other legitimate reason students are to be in class for the first and last 15 minutes of class. Again, use breaks and lunch appropriately so this does not become an issue.
* Technology. This has a time and place, but be respectful of my expectations in this regard. **I expect your phone/iPod/etc. out of sight and silent**, which means in your backpack, on the side shelf, and not under your binder! If I am teaching or if another student is presenting, etc. this is just rude. Also consider that in most cases you are texting/tweeting/SnapChatting/Instagramming/etc. someone in another class and you are potentially disrupting their learning. I hate to say it, but 9.9 times out of 10 what you have to say can wait. If there is a need due to family emergency, etc. please chat with me at the beginning of class and we can make arrangements.

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_