**J.B. Castle High School**

2012-2013 School Year

**Psychology/Economics (12th Grade) & World History (10th Grade)**

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**Room:** 34

**World History Course Description:**

World History is a one credit (1.0) course required for graduation. This course is aligned with the current Hawaii State Content Performance Standards (HCPS III) for World History and covers the seminal developments of humanities’ past. Students will explore the human adventure through a variety of learning situations.

* *Mr. Lawson is co-teaching this class with Ms. Fink*
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**Psychology Course Description:**

Semester Couse (.5) - This course is designed to help students gain insight into their behavior and the behavior others. It focuses on the physiological and psychological basis for human behavior and how this knowledge can be applied in various human situations such as stress, conflict, and adjustment.

**Economics Course Description:**

Semester Course (.5) - This course synthesizes the economic concepts of choice and opportunity costs, markets, interdependence, and government roles. It engages students in gathering and interpreting data to analyze economic changes and impacts on groups and individuals. It empowers students to make and evaluate personal economic decisions.

**Materials Needed:**

*Composition Notebook* – Used daily for class notes, these will be checked periodically for credit.

*Highlighter* – This will help you emphasize important parts in your notes and help you study.

*Planner* – Keep track of your projects, assignments, and test dates by having this handy.

*Folder* – Essential for keeping your assignments and handouts organized.

*Paper* – You will need paper to write in-class assignments to hand in for credit.

*Pen* – All work must be done in pen (blue or black) so have one available for in-class work.

*\*Note:* Textbooks are limited so they **must** be kept in the classroom and will **not** be taken home.

**Grading Policy**

**Absences – Excused**

* Absences that are **excused** have only until the **end of the unit to make up the work**. Once the unit is over or a test is given, work may not be handed in for that unit. YOU MUST provide a note when absent.
* If you miss a quiz or test, you WILL take the quiz or test the day you return to school. You MAY NOT wait to take the missed quiz or test.

**Absences - Unexcused**

* Unexcused Absences (cutting class): If you do not provide a legitimate note for your absence then you will not be given make up work. The only way I will allow you to do a summative assignment missed during an unexcused absence is if you get ALL formative work missed. This includes and is not limited to notes, book assignments, book readings, videos, wksts, etc. Once you have gathered all the work missed during an unexcused absence, then you MAY (up to my discretion) be allowed to make up a summative assignment. Bottom line is, if you choose to skip class I will choose when and if you can make up the work.

**Retaking Summative Assessments (Including tests, quizzes, essays, projects, etc.):**

* Quizzes may be retaken. Quizzes only may be retaken up to the end of a chapter/unit. After the unit is over a quiz may not be retaken.

**Checking your grade online:**

Grades will be updated and posted regularly on the [www.jupitergrades.com](http://www.jupitergrades.com). It is your responsibility to check these grades weekly and address any discrepancies with your grade immediately. Do not throw out any graded work until you have checked that your grade is imputed correctly online.

**Extra Credit:**

* Extra credit is **always** offered to those students who have completed **75%** of their homework/class assignments in a given quarter. That means you **cannot** pass this class by doing extra credit alone. But you **can** raise your grade from a C to a B or a B to an A. If you are eligible for extra credit, please see me during A-period, lunch or recess to discuss options. You choose an extra credit project on your own. It must relate to what we are studying. For Example:
	+ World History – create a Podcast on the Age of Exploration, read Anne Frank's Autobiography
	+ Psych – interview a psychologist, watch a movie about a person with Bi-polar disorder
* Be Prepared: Please don't come and ask “What is extra credit?” Read this again and think of a project or ask for help brainstorming.
* Extra credit must be turned in **by one week** before the end of the quarter.

We will abide by the James B. Castle High School Grading Policy that follows a 0-5 scale.

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| **CONVERSION SCALE FOR COURSE GRADES** |
| **Preponderance of Evidence****Determines Grade Posted*****<Future Consideration>*** | **Letter Grade** | **Grade Point Assignment** | **100 Point Range & Percentage** | **Rubrics** |
| **A** | **5** | **90 – 100** | **Teacher and/or Department Designed** |
| **B** | **4** | **80 – 89** |
| **C** | **3** | **65 – 79** |
| **D** | **2** | **51 – 64** |
| **F** | **1** | **01 – 50** |
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**Detention:**

Detention is served during lunch or A-Period. If you skip detention you will get two. If you skip again, you will get a referral. If you are in a sport I will contact your coach.

**Cheating:**

Remember that your grade is based on the evidence **you** show to prove you know the content and are meeting the benchmarks. Cheating only shows me what someone else knows, not you! So **do not cheat** because I will find out and you will receive a **zero** and a **phone call home**. Cheating will be reported to the administration and can be a stain on your record for a long time!