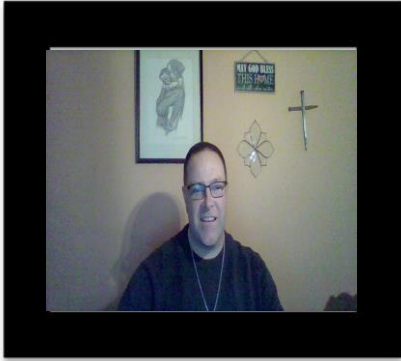


# Meet the TEACHER



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*about me*

**My name is Mr. Palen and I have been a professional and caring teacher for 28 years now. I grew-up in an International Baccalaureate Schools setting, attended New Jersey City University for Secondary Education and History, lived abroad and travelled to many far away places in this world. I'm passionate about teaching and every year look forward to helping a new set of students develop into leaders that can help shape the future of tomorrow.**

*my favorites*

*place: Home*

*color: Blue*

*hobby: Real Estate*

*food: Thailand*

*thing to do: watch Arsenal Football Club*

# Course Description

This course is designed to build on prior 6th grade knowledge, skills, and values essential to understand world history. This course targets global systems and processes, sources of conflict and cooperation, and major movements influencing the modern world. Students will focus on comparisons in the geographic forces, economies, political systems, cultural achievements, technological advancements, and social relations evident in religious movements and civilizations representing diverse geographic locations with a focus on the major Religions of the world, China and East Asia, the Renaissance and Reformation, Enlightenment, and scientific and Industrial Revolutions. This course shall also be inclusive of the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of middle school and high school students as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

- Remembering 9/11
- Life in Medieval Christendom
- Struggle in Medieval Europe
- The Islamic World & South Asia
- Civilizations of East Asia and Southeast Asia
- Civilization of the Americas
- African Civilizations
- The Renaissance and Reformation
- Global Convergence
- Absolutism and Enlightenment
- Paterson History



# Expectations

- **Read Daily: Do Now, Objective, and D.O.L (Demonstration of Learning)**
- Listen carefully
- *Follow directions*
- Be respectful
- Work hard and **take pride in your work!**
- I dismiss you, not the bell!!!

**I HEAR**

~ *and I* ~

Forget.

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**I SEE** and I

*Remember.*

**I DO** and I

*Understand.*

~ Confucius ~

# Rules

- Must be in **school uniform**
- **No cell phones** or electronic devices (confiscated and parent notification)
- *No profanity or cursing* in school
- Do not vandalize school property (gum, graffiti, carving, scratching, etc.)
- **Attendance counts**, don't be late, cut class or absent (recorded in Infinite Campus)

WAKE UP.

WORK HARD.

HAVE FUN.

BE KIND.

REPEAT.

# Grading

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
<b>TESTS</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>CLASSWORK</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>HOMEWORK</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>



<p>“All happiness depends on courage and work.” — Honore de Balzac</p>	<p>“Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having except as a result of hard work.” — Booker T. Washington</p>
<p>“Nothing will work unless you do.” — Maya Angelou</p>	<p>“The miracle is not that we do this work but that we are happy to do it.” — Mother Teresa</p>
<p>“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity.” — Martin Luther King Jr.</p>	<p>“It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.” — Theodore Roosevelt</p>
<p>“I have a firm belief in the ability and power of women to achieve the things they want to achieve.” — Eleanor Roosevelt</p>	<p>“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.” — Aristotle</p>
<p>“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.” — Thomas Edison</p>	<p>“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” — Thomas Edison</p>
<p>“Follow your passion, be prepared to work hard and sacrifice, and, above all, don’t let anyone limit your dreams.” — Donovan Bailey</p>	<p>“The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.” — Emile Zola</p>
<p>“Don’t worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.” — Abraham Lincoln</p>	<p>“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.” — Vince Lombardi</p>
<p>“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi</p>	<p>“Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work.” — Stephen King</p>
<p>“I didn’t get there by wishing for it or hoping for it, but by working for it.” — Estee Lauder</p>	<p>“Before the reward there must be labor. You plant before you harvest. You sow in tears before you reap joy.” — Ralph Ransom</p>
<p>“Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that</p>	<p>“The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if</p>

**Don't be content with being average. Average is as close to the bottom as it is to the top!**

