

**Mrs. Looney**  
**2015-2016**  
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**Contact information:**

Parent/teacher communication is of utmost importance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your support and look forward to working together.

**Grading Procedures:**

Social Studies and Writing

- Tests, projects, homework, classwork, quality of work: 100%

**\*\*\*Each student has been assigned a username and password in order to be able to access grades from the PowerSchool Gradebook. If possible, please check your child's grades and missing assignments on a weekly basis. It is highly recommended that each student checks his or her grades and missing assignments on a daily basis. (Students are able to check their grades and assignments at school.) It is the student's responsibility to go to check with Mrs. Looney to ask about missing assignments and to make up missing assignments.**

**\*\*\*Mrs. Looney will send home printouts of grade sheets to students who are failing and/or students who have missing assignments. It is my hope to send out the grade sheets on Thursdays, to be signed and returned by Friday. Please look in your child's agenda each Thursday to see if your child owes work or is failing. Mrs. Looney will staple the grade sheet into the students' agendas each Thursday.**

**HOMEWORK:**

- Homework is assigned to reinforce what is learned in class. If a parent or student has any questions about an assignment, please contact Mrs. Looney as soon as possible. Mrs. Looney checks her email until about 8:00PM each evening and will respond to your questions as quickly as possible.
- Homework will be assigned several times a week and is expected to be completed by the assigned due date. 20 points will be deducted the first day that an assignment is late and missing. If the assignment is still not turned in by the following day, an after-school detention will be assigned in order for the student to complete the assignment. 5 additional points will be deducted for each additional day that the assignment is late. A "0" is earned for each missing assignment.
- If a student is absent from class because of band, illness, or another reason, it is the student's responsibility to see Mrs. Looney for any materials or assignments that are missing. **YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE POWERSCHOOL**

GRADEBOOK FOR ANY MISSING ASSIGNMENTS AND MRS. LOONEY'S WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS TO MISSING ASSIGNMENTS.

- Please check your child's agenda each evening to support your child with homework and to help your child study for tests or quizzes. Please sign your child's agenda each evening. A GRADE OF 100 POINTS WILL BE EARNED TWICE A QUARTER FOR HAVING THE AGENDA SIGNED BY AN ADULT WHO IS OVERSEEING THE STUDENT'S HOMEWORK. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY MUST BE SIGNED. TWO RANDOM WEEKS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR AN EXTRA CREDIT GRADE.
- Please check Mrs. Looney's website for classwork and homework assignments, projects, study guides, and suggestions. Every effort is made to keep the website as up-to-date as possible.  
[www.mrslooney.weebly.com](http://www.mrslooney.weebly.com)
- Students are welcome to join Mrs. Looney during lunchtime or during study hall if a student is unsure of an assignment or needs extra assistance. I want students to succeed!
- Students are encouraged to revise and/or correct a homework assignment to earn a higher grade. I want students to succeed!

**PREPAREDNESS:**

- Each student is expected to be on time and prepared for each class.
- Each student is expected to have their **agenda binder with folders, notebook, completed homework, textbook, binder, highlighters, and sharpened pencils** for each class BEFORE THE BELL RINGS.

**QUALITY OF WORK:**

- Provide a heading on all assignments. The heading should follow the MLA format. See attachment.
- Holes on the paper are to be on the LEFT.
- Neatest writing and presentation is expected at all times.
- Writing is expected to be in complete sentences.
- When answering homework or essay questions, students should follow the RACE organizer. See attachment.
- Correct spelling, use of capital letters, indentation of paragraphs, and correct punctuation is expected at all times.
- **Work not meeting these standards may be returned to be completed properly.**
- **Plagiarism** (copying other people's words) **is not tolerated** and will result in a "0" grade for the assignment and an after school detention. Copying any part of an essay or a homework assignment from a textbook or the Internet without using quotations and citing the source is not acceptable.

**TESTS:**

- Social Studies tests will be given throughout the school year. An ample amount of notice will be given to students in order for them to study for the tests. Check Mrs. Looney's website for test review sheets and PowerPoints that contain notes. STUDYING THE REVIEW SHEETS IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING STUDENT SUCCESS!

**Expectations Contract:**

The purpose of this contract is to help ensure the success of each and every student. It is Mrs. Looney's hope that this contract is a reminder the we all need to work together to do what it takes for each of us to reach our goals.

Students: Please keep these expectations in a special place at home to refer to them when needed.

Please read these expectations together, sign this agreement and return it tomorrow.

Let's have a fantastic year together.

Students:

- I agree to the expectations listed above and will do what it takes, to the best of my ability, to follow these expectations.
- I will respect myself, the adults in my life, my classmates, my school, and my community.
- I will take responsibility for my success.
- I will be prepared.
- I will complete all of my assignments on time to the very best of my ability.
- I will go the extra mile.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a heading on all assignments.**

**In order to prepare each student to be college and career ready, we will follow the MLA (Modern Language Association) format for headings. See below for an example.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Heading:**

Samantha J. White  
Mrs. Looney  
6 Writing  
16 September 2015

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Heading:**

Thomas R. Greene  
Mrs. Looney  
5 Writing  
21 September 2015