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8th Grade US History - Blog Account

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students,

I am very excited to introduce something new in class for the school year! Seeing as the world your students will be going into is focused largely on computer and web-based literacy, I thought it would be a great opportunity in class to allow your students the option to blog. All blog-content will be academic based and relevant to a topic or unit we have discussed in class or topics relevant to school. Blogs topics must submit and receive approval from me through email prior to posting. Students will be responsible for completing a minimum of one blog assignment per chapter. Each assignment will be worth 50 points. Some assignments may be assigned in teams or partnerships. This will be decided at my discretion throughout the school year.

I do understand that you may not want your child to blog; if this is the case, your student will simply type up their selected entry and turn it into me for a grade. It will not be posted online without your consent.

The blog website we will be using is <https://doreushistory8thgrade1617.edublogs.org/>. Students may be asked to peer review and comment on another student's blog post for constructive feedback, however, any type of disparaging comments will result in a permanent revocation of the student's blog account. We will be discussing appropriate blog etiquette thoroughly in class before we begin posting. The purpose of the blog is to maintain and cultivate a learning community where students may pose thoughtful questions and responses to the discussions and topics focused on in class and around campus.

Once you have read this letter and reviewed it with your student, please sign below to grant your student permission or to opt out of the blog option. Remember students will not be penalized in any way for choosing not to blog, but they will be expected to turn in a typed copy of the blog assignment. If you do not wish for your child to participate, there is no need to sign this form. Thank you for working with me and your students to ensure we have a wonderful year! ☺

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I have read the letter regarding student blog use in Ms. Dore's Class, and I permit my student to create and access an account: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

I have read the letter regarding the blog use in Ms. Dore's Class, and I agree to follow all rules set forth regarding the use of our class

blog:-----
Student Signature