CLEVELAND OPEN HOUSE

Teacher Name: Major Francis
Subject: American History and American Government
About Teacher

- Teacher Name: Major Francis
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- Short Biographical Information: Welcome. My name is Major Francis and I teach American History and American Government. I have a Doctorate in Education Administration, a Masters in History and have been teaching at Cleveland since 2004. My expertise is in World History as I have travelled to over 20 countries and lived in three continents. In addition I have served in the National Guard for 20 years, including a tour in Afghanistan (2006-2007), served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, and have taught English in Slovakia. I enjoy travelling and seeing the places I used to teach about. In addition, I read histories extensively to further my understanding of the past.
- Virtual Office Hours: 1:15-2:15 Monday.
- Tutoring and Help:
Virtual Classroom Expectations

- Attendance: Attendance is taken at the beginning of every class, as well as tracked through student participation. If a student is present at the beginning of a live class, but leaves before the live class is over or fails to participate throughout the lesson they will be counted absent.

- Grading:
  - 90-100= A
  - 80-89= B
  - 70-79= C
  - 60-69= D
  - 59 or below= F

- Participation: Participation includes live (synchronous) class time as well as completing assignments outside of our live classes (asynchronous).
Course Expectations Outline

- Online Platform: Microsoft Teams and Office. Others as needed.
- For course expectations please check the following links:
  - American History Class Syllabus
  - American Government Class Syllabus
Communication Plan

- My main form of contact is through email: james.francis@slps.org
  - Students can also reach me through Microsoft Teams or email
  - My virtual Office Hours are on Mondays from 1:15-2:15 Monday.

- When necessary, I will be contacting parents through email or phone to address concerns with student performance.

- Any information about class assignments or updates can also be found on my teacher webpage.