**Community and Cultures 8 Course Outline**

Mrs. King Winter 2024 Semester

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**Welcome to Community and Cultures 8!**

**Course Description**

This course is designed for students to explore Identity, Culture, and Community over 22 classes. Students will participate in discussions, sharing circles, and journaling that allows students to reflect and share on course content.

**Grades breakdown:**

Extending-4

Proficient-3

Developing-2

Extending-1

Insufficient Evidence- IE

**Materials Needed Every day:**

1. Pencils / paper

2. Pencil case with pencil crayons or markers, pencil sharpener, glue

**How to do well in this class:**

1. Attend class regularly → Skipping class is the #1 reason why students don’t do well

2. Participate in Class Discussions

3. Take time to provide thoughtful responses when responding to journal prompts

**Classroom Policies**

***Chill Zone***

The first 10 minutes of class is “chill zone”. This is time for students to talk, read, draw, or play card games. This time is for students to calm down and acclimate to the classroom, build connections with peers, and for Mrs. King to do brief one on one check-ins with students.

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***Attendance***

It is so important to attend class everyday. Should you miss a class, you are responsible for catching up on class notes and assignments. Extra copies of worksheets and notes keys are available in the class mailboxes. If ahead of time you will be absent (for sports or vacations), please let me know in advance.

***Cell Phones***

There will be opportunities to use cell phones and technology in class for Kahoot or research blocks etc. Outside of this time, phones and headphones should not be out. Students are expected to demonstrate responsibility regarding cell phone usage.

***Cheating and Plagiarism***

Students are expected to always submit their own work and their own ideas. Students caught cheating will be at risk of severe disciplinary consequences (see PGSS student handbook) and may risk getting an IE (insufficient evidence) for that portion of the class.

***Food and Drinks***

Food and drinks are permitted in class so long as you clean up after yourself and the food/drink does not become a distraction.

***Late or Missed Assignments***

You are responsible for staying on top of assignments and deadlines. If the assignment is to be assessed by me, you have 1-week or until I have handed back the assignment graded (whichever is later) to complete the missed work. Assignments that are for completion will be reviewed and marked as a class and will not be collected for grading.

**Course Topics Covered**

* Identity
* Culture
* ****Community
* Building Strong Relationships
* Indigenous History in Canada
* The Indian Act and Cultural Genocide
* Cultural Appropriation Versus Appreciation
* Racism and Sexism
* Prejudice and Privilege
* Being an Ally
* The value of being different
* How to build up people and our communities