

March 17, 2020

Dear IB History of Americas parents/students,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! You might know that St. Patrick is believed to have been a Roman in Briton 1600 years ago who, at the age of 16, was captured by Irish(!?) pirates and made a slave. He eventually escaped and after a difficult time away from friends and familiar surroundings he rejoined his community, finished his studies, and went on to be a better person for it. We have the same expectations for all of you! That being said please know that the most important thing is that you and your families are safe and taken care of. That is your priority right now. Everything school related that is outlined below is for you when you have the time and ability to do school work. **Please do not hesitate to contact me**, as many of you have, if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help!

Because of the elongated Spring Break, we have had to shuffle around the plan for the rest of the year. We have placed assignments on Canvas(Mr. Burton) and Google Classroom (Mr. Douglas).

**Note: The most important thing is that you and your family are staying healthy and safe during this time. Except for the IA (which is a required part of your 11<sup>th</sup> grade IB and Washington State credit) and your next exam, the rest of your grade will be frozen. All work, in addition to the IA, will only improve your grade and enrich your understanding of the content, and further develop your skills.** The lower of the two exams will be dropped.

- IA
  - This is by far the most important thing that students need to be keeping up with. Students will be researching an aspect of history and writing a thorough research paper on it.
  - The due dates are the due dates; students need to stick to them.
  - There is also an annotated bibliography due for the students that they could be doing on Scrible, or on a separate program.
  - Due dates:
    - IA Question: 3/16
    - Annotated Bib: 3/27(moved from 23<sup>rd</sup>)
    - IA Rough Draft: 4/17
- Exams: Great Depression U.S. (taken in class 3/11&3/12) AND Next Exam: Canada and Brazil in Great Depression at end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
  - Many students were not able to do the exam this last Thursday (because of the trip, helping in the Blood Drive, etc.)
  - Students who did not take the exam last week will have the chance to do so at a later date.
  - **All students will take the next exam** (Canada and Brazil in the GD) at home on a platform determined by your teacher in the week of April 20-24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Students will have access to readings from their textbook. They will be posted on Canvas and Mr. Douglas's website.

- They can also look over PowerPoints for the different countries that they will be studying over this time.
- Readings IDS and quizzes will be posted on Canvas(Burton) and Google Classroom (Douglas). They will again need to click on 'quizzes' tab on Canvas. There will be 4 quizzes(with the first on 3/27)
- Journal/update (Extra credit in participation category)
  - In conjunction with the other Humanities classes, students can reflect on what is happening in their lives during this historic time away from school through a series of weekly assignments in the "Participation" category in the gradebook. There are a variety of options to choose from in the assignment in Canvas and Google Classroom. Students may also suggest alternative assignments/options not listed there. See next page.

\*One final note/plug. As Mr. Burton is the CAS Coordinator, this would be a GREAT time for students to get caught up with their CAS Experiences/recording. Many students are significantly behind with regards to their CAS requirements, so if they have time they should be taking care of this. This is a required part of the diploma and the long school closure provides an opportunity for students who are behind to get caught up!

Thank you, please let us know if you have any other questions or concerns. We are all part of the River Family, and we will get through all of this together.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Burton  
David Douglas

