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U.S. History Students in Mr. Douglas's Classes,

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. I 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. I am happy to help!

We are waiting for more direction from the state and federal government about how long schools will be impacted, and how instruction needs to happen. In the meantime I can share with you the following plan for make-up work, enrichment, grade improvement and extra credit. I may have more specific directions later as we learn more, but the following will not change for our class.

Your grade as of last Friday will be frozen for the time being, **with the exception of the CBA. You should have all you need to complete that on your own. I will create assignments in the Google classroom for you to submit the drafts and final.** I am still updating with the most recent test and work that was recently turned in. **Once that is done you can make-up any missing assignments by doing the weekly assignments outlined in the "Covid Closure Curriculum"**(next page). Each weekly assignment can take the place of a missing assignment, or serve as grade improvement for an assignment or quiz. When you turn it in indicate how you would like it credited---"Make-up for \_\_\_\_\_ " or "Improvement for \_\_\_\_\_ " or extra credit. (See samples on next page). These assignments are not REQUIRED but can improve your grade.

In Google Classroom you will see that I have changed our class name to "Covid Closure U.S. History." In that class you will find weekly assignments due on Fridays. You can select any of the options to do.

I know this is scary and unsettling. History sometimes can be a source of comfort (It's true!). There are many examples in U.S. and world history of great disturbances to daily life. In a very real way this is a war that you are experiencing—with many parallels to the past---schools were closed for periods in the Civil War, the economy was disrupted greatly in the Revolution, and food was rationed and some things were very hard to find in World War Two. We've already learned about the 1918 Influenza pandemic that was very frightening, but also passed and the country not only recovered quickly, but thrived.

The assignments that you can choose from are also ways for you to reflect on what is happening. They will be archived, along with those of your classmates, and will serve as future primary source documents!

COVID CLOSURE CURRICULUM (CCC—Great Depression reference!) outlined on next page.



