



2020-21

welcome



# it begins...

As we embark upon the 2020-2021 school year, let's immediately embrace that things won't look (or feel) the way they used to. But guess what? You're NOT alone. It looks (and feels) that way for ALL of us. In fact, every single person on this planet has had their lives interrupted and amended since March. But it's time for us to dust ourselves off, **ROLL THE SLEEVES**, and get to work!

My name is Dr. Hartnell, and I'll help you navigate these strange and unusual waters as your history teacher. This is my 20th year teaching, and if you told me back in 2001 that I'd be starting a school year in a "virtual" setting, I would've laughed in your face... before hopping on my AOL dial-up to "surf the Web". But here we are.

I love history. Why? Because everyone has a "story"! Where are you from? What's your past? Who's in your past? How different is your story from the people around you? Have your paths ever crossed? Your story is written every day of your life. Your actions, your behavior, and your decisions all influence your "story". Some stories are ones of hardship. Some stories are ones of triumph. Embrace your story. Share it with the world. Never be embarrassed by your past. It's part of who you are. It's a component of your story. It's a component of your life. In the end, it's *your* story. What do you plan to do with it?



# schoolology...

For the duration of this school year (in all of its various forms: virtual, hybrid, in-person), we'll be using the District's required educational platform of Schoology.

You're currently enrolled in my Per. 2 **AMERICAN HISTORY** course on Schoology.

I'll be using Schoology Conferences to present course material. A mix of Morning Radio shenanigans and History Podcasts, these Conferences (called "135 Live!") will broadcast Mondays through Fridays (starting August 24th). For your class, "135 Live!" will start at: **8:30am** and last between 20-30 minutes.

Past episodes of "135 Live!" will be available for you to view on Schoology for up to one week after they air.

Following the "135 Live!" broadcasts, I'll remain logged in to Conferences to field any questions you might have.

To help supplement "135 Live!", you'll complete a series of unique projects and readings specific to each unit. These assignments will be linked to the course's Schoology page, and you may work at your own pace in completing and submitting these up until the posted deadline.



# to recap...

- I'm Dr. Hartnell. I've been teaching for 20 years.
- This year will feel and look different from past years, but, to be honest, that's actually pretty cool.
- Everything will be done via Schoology.
- Tune in DAILY at 8:30am for the "135 Live!" podcasts, which will stream using Schoology Conferences.
- Your textbook, assignments, projects, notes, and tests will all be posted/linked to your Schoology page.

- Everything can be submitted to me through Schoology or through school e-mail.
- My school e-mail is: hartnelb@wcsch.org (NOTE: My e-mail address contains only one "L".)
- Class website: DrHartnell.com
- Twitter: @PresidentBeard
- Instagram: @hartnelluniversity
- Facebook: Facebook.com/DrHartnell

- I will hold a "Meet & Greet" for your class on Schoology Conferences THIS Thursday (August 20th) at 8:30am. Pop by for a bit and introduce yourself. I'll provide some additional details on how stuff works.
- To join Conferences, simply log into your Schoology account, go to your American History class, click the Conferences link on the left hand side, and join the "Meet & Greet". No passwords needed! It's that easy! SEE YOU THIS THURSDAY!

