

## Mrs. Laurie-Heartwood 8 Social Studies 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! We are starting with an online format which is new for all of us. This is a challenge we will face with kindness, patience, and teamwork. You'll see below in the syllabus that we cover key concepts that impact all of us, especially during these difficult times. I encourage students to have intelligent discussions regarding controversial, relevant topics, and develop their own ideas and opinions about all these important issues.

We will utilize our technology/websites as well as the American Journey text and Junior Scholastic magazine. Lessons will be designed with rigor and relevance in mind, allowing students to develop their higher-level thinking skills.

We are pleased to have an NAU student teacher in our classroom first semester. I am also sending the permission letter for his participation. Allow us to introduce ourselves:

I am Mrs. Mary Laurie. I have taught middle school for 30 years. I was born and raised in Burbank, California, and have lived in beautiful Flagstaff for 20 years. I share my home with my husband, Dave, border collie, Rascal, and frisky cat, Zara. Our two boys and 3 grandchildren complete our immediate family.

Hello everyone! My name is Tyrell Robinson and I am from Cathedral City, California! I enjoy playing and coaching sports, learning about history, traveling and reading. I am looking forward to beginning the school year under these unique circumstances and I hope you're ready to learn!

Curriculum map: **Semester 1**-U.S. Political System, Citizenship; **Semester 2**-Personal Finance, Foundations of Economics, Human Rights, Globalization

FUSD has standards-based grading with a range of 1-4, where 4 is exceeding proficiency. Each assignment will have a rubric so students see what they need to do for each grade. Some assignments will be practice-I'll enter them in the grade book but they don't count toward their grade, and others will be assessments which count for their grade. Please check your student's grades regularly using ParentVue.

Together, as a team, we will help your student achieve his/her potential during this 8th grade year. Respect and responsibility are more important than ever nowadays, and we will work together to keep everyone safe, comfortable, and learning through the year. To contact me, please email at [mlaurie@fUSD1.org](mailto:mlaurie@fUSD1.org) or students can also write through Google Classroom. We are looking forward to a rewarding year!!

Mrs. Mary Laurie  
Mr. Tyrell Robinson