Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I know we are all sad that summer is over, but in order for us to get to next summer, we must get this year started! I want to start the year telling you a little bit about me, and I hope that will encourage you to tell me about yourself. I believe our class will be more fun and engaging if we get to know each other--keeping in mind that you are a student and I am the teacher. Also, it allows us to have conversations about things other than history and government!

So here goes….I am going into my 11th year of teaching. I have taught at Faiss Middle School, West, Silverado High School, and now back at West (this is my 3rd year back). I also used to coach girls basketball at Durango HS. Teaching was what I went to college to do, however, after I graduated from The University of Arizona, I went into the business world. I worked for a private public relations firm and represented different nightclubs, shows and restaurants in Vegas. From there, I took a job working for ESPN and worked in sales and marketing for college football and basketball events. I have many stories of meeting different celebrities and athletes--so feel free to ask about them! But I found I was getting bored, believe it or not, and I missed you guys, the students! I knew it was time to go back into the classroom, and here I am - lucky you :) So let me know what you do in school, but also outside of here. Do you volunteer, have a job, play sports, dance? I would love to come support you! Every year I love watching students perform and compete...it is so much fun!

A little bit more about me, I have two masters degrees and can say I am definitely done with school. I have two beautiful daughters, Kendall and Harper. Kendall is now 2.5 and Harper is 4 months old. Kendall is full of energy and we spent the summer trying to potty train, sounds like fun right? Harper is a very chill baby so far, like her dad for those of you that know him, she loves to be held, and smiles and laughs a lot. I also have the girl that has been around for 9 years, Kali Girl. Kali is my golden retriever.

This summer went by way too fast, like it always does. Our big trip was our yearly family trip, to San Diego. Our family rents a big house every year and we spend a week hanging out and doing activities in whatever area we are in. This year in San Diego we spent a lot of time at Belmont Park, the beach/bay, the zoo, and eating great Mexican food! Next summer we are going to the Outer Banks, North Carolina. The rest of the summer we spent home swimming, hanging out with friends, trying to entertain Kendall (gymnastics, swim lessons, Shark Reef, Dolphin Habitat, Chuck E Cheese, splash pads, music in the park, World’s Best Corndog food truck, etc), and I got my daily workouts in at Orangetheory - yes I love OT. We also went back to where I grew up, Torrance, CA for a couple of days for the 4th of July. We enjoyed cooking and eating out. I love Juan’s Flaming Fajitas, Girmaldi’s, Bagel Cafe, North Italia, just to name a few. Please give me some suggestions! We love going outside of our norms are trying new places. And it gives me an excuse to eat out :)

This school year I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you and discussing history, as well as current events with you. My goal is for you to learn something more about yourself and to help you reach your goals. I want what we talk about in class to be relevant to you and your life.

A few things to remember as we go through this year:

1. I believe in you
2. I trust in you
3. You are listened to
4. You are cared for
5. You are important
6. You KHAN do it (Genghis Khan, World History joke...get it?)
7. You will succeed - if you decide to

Let’s have a great year,

Mrs. Roser

P.S. See below for your first assignment - and if you have had my husband, this assignment might look familiar :).

First assignment. Type and print a one page letter to me telling me about yourself. Here are some suggestions if you struggle writing about yourself: This must be returned on August 14th - B day and August 15th - A day.

1. What do you do outside of school?
2. What did you do this summer?
3. What are your goals for this year, specifically this class? (REQUIRED)
4. Tell me your feelings about world history or government? (REQUIRED)
5. What are your plans for after high school?
6. What is something you wish your teachers knew about you?
7. What is your family like?
8. Where do you like to eat - what places do you recommend checking out?
9. If you didn’t go to school, what would you do?