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CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

First quarter interim reports will be issued Thursday, September 18!

CLASS ACTIVITIES (classwork and homework)

PLEASE NOTE: second year law, please scroll to the bottom of this section.

LAW I

WEEK ONE

Monday and Tuesday (August 18 and 19) - No classes due - school closed due to weather

Wednesday, August 20 - FIRST DAY PACKET

Thursday and Friday, August 21/22 - Introductions, Syllabus, Expectations.

WEEK TWO

Monday and Wednesday (August 25 and 27) - Pretest, Novel Nightjohn (Chapter 1 with DEAR entry).

Tuesday (August 26) - No classes - teacher work day due to elections

Thursday and Friday (August 27 and 28) - Returned pretest, SNAKE RIVER ACTIVITY, mini-lecture - "What is a law?"

WEEK THREE

Monday (September 1) - No classes - Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday and Wednesday (September 2 and 3) - Survivor Island Activity; Novel, Nightjohn (Chapter 2 with DEAR entry)

Thursday and Friday (September 4 and 5) - Continue Survivor Island Activity; Class discussion of electoral college and presidential politics.

WEEK 4

Monday and Tuesday (September 8 and 9); Finished SURVIVOR ISLAND PROJECTS with group

presentations. Notebook check next class. Quiz #1 on Friday (even classes) and Monday (odd classes)

Wednesday and Thursday (September 10 and 11) - Notebook check; Finished notes (if necessary); review for Quiz #1; Nightjohn, Chapter 3, with DEAR entry.

Friday, September 12 - Catch-up day.

WEEK 5

Monday and Tuesday (September 15 and 16) - Quiz #1 (20 points); Nightjohn, Chapter 4.

Wednesday and Thursday (September 17 and 18) - Returned and reviewed Quiz #1; participated in the Safety survey (with computers).

Friday and Monday (September 19 and 22) - Notes, Part 2, Timeline and US Constitution, Nightohn, Chapter 5.

WEEK 6

Tuesday and Wednesday (September 23 and 24) - Finish Notes, Part 2, Timeline and US Constitution), Nightjohn, Chapter 6.

Thursday, September 25 (EARLY RELEASE)- School-wide activity on 2008 Presidential Election.

Friday, September 26 (ODD ONLY) - Finished novel, Nightohn with DEAR entry; viewed video segment of the US Constitution.

WEEK 7

Monday, September 29 (EVEN ONLY) - Finished novel, Nightohn with DEAR entry; viewed video segment of the US Constitution.

Tuesday, September 30 - No classes

Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2 - Introduced new novel, SARNY. Notes, Part 3, The US Constitution (the Articles); reviewed for Quiz #2 (to be given Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7). Please see calendar for dates of quizzes and notebook checks.

Friday, October 3 - DEAR log and entry; Finished Notes, Part 3 (if needed); discussed presidential election.

WEEK 8

Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7 - DEAR (begin SARNY) and log entry; Quiz #2 (25 points); notebook check #2 (10 points); begin watching film, NIGHTJOHN.

Wednesday and Friday, October 8 and 10 - Finish viewing film NIGHTJOHN.

Thursday, October 9 - NO CLASSES

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LAW II (second year law)

WEEK ONE

Monday and Tuesday (August 18 and 19) - No classes due - school closed due to weather

Thursday, August 21 - Introductions, Syllabus, Expectations.

WEEK TWO

Monday, August 25 - Pretest, Discussed presidential politics.

Tuesday, August 26 - No classes - teacher work day due to elections

Friday, August 28 - Returned pretest, issued textbooks; reviewed textbook contents.

WEEK THREE

Monday (September 1) - No classes - Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 2 - DEAR and log entry; discussion on Presidential election; Pages 210-211 and page 252 (the hot coffee liability case). Homework - outline chapter 18, Torts (10 points).

Thursday, September 4 - DEAR and log entry; continued discussion on presidential politics and Sarah Palin as McCain's VP selection; Continued with lecture and discussion on collecting on a judgment.

WEEK 4

Monday, September 8 - DEAR; returned and reviewed notes on chapter 18; pop quiz on chapter 18 (5 points); notebook check next class.

Wednesday, September 10 -

Friday, September 12 - DEAR; Chapter 19 (INTENTIONAL TORTS) overview; Chapter 19 notes and outline (due Tuesday).

WEEK 5

Tuesday, September 16 - DEAR; discussed presidential electoral map project; students should study for quiz on Chapters 18/19.

Thursday, September 18 - DEAR; discussed election, economy.

WEEK 6

Monday, September 22 - DEAR; Pop Quiz on Chapter 19 (intentional torts); discussed current

economic situation; handed out Chapter 20 Overview (Negligence).

Wednesday, September 24 - DEAR; return and review pop quiz; read overview on Chapter 20; outline and notes, chapter 20 (due on Friday, 10 points).

Friday, September 26 - DEAR, discussed early release day activity (McCain v. Obama)

WEEK 7

Wednesday, October 1 - DEAR and log entry; brief discussion of presidential electoral map and debates; Chapter 20 read through of important points; students were reminded to be ready for a quiz at any time.

Friday, October 3 - DEAR and log entry; briefly discussed Biden/Palin debate; completed notebook check #2; students worked on rough draft of answers for take home quiz to be completed (final copy) as homework, due on Tuesday.

WEEK 8

Tuesday, October 7 - DEAR and log entry; Chapter 21 Overview, Strict Liability, No homework.

Friday, October 10 -

Thursday, October 9 - NO CLASSES

Calendar events

Thu Oct 09, 2008 Untimed / All day [No classes](#)

Mon Oct 13, 2008 Untimed / All day [Quiz #3 \(1st year Law\)](#)

Tue Oct 14, 2008 Untimed / All day [Quiz #3 \(1st year Law\)](#)

Fri Oct 17, 2008 Untimed / All day [Notebook Check #3 \(all classes\)](#)

Thu Oct 23, 2008 Untimed / All day [Early Realease Day - End of 1st Quarter](#)

My Quia activities and quizzes

HANGMAN [MEET MR. KELLY](#)

<http://www.quia.com/hm/426959.html>

HANGMAN [QUIZ #1 GAME](#)

Useful links

- [Cornell Law School Research Site](#)
- [Harvard Law School Library](#)
- [Recordings and transcripts of Supreme Court cases](#)
- [Mr. Kelly's Alma Mater](#)
- [Primary Documents from American Government](#)
- [Use Mr. Kelly's old SCHOOLNOTES site to email him or use the FLASHCARDS!!!!](#)
- [Great non-partisan political site](#)
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- [New York Times](#)
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- [Death Penalty Information](#)
- [Baze and Bowling v. Rees \(Kentucky\) Oral Argument](#)
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