
HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NEW YORK STATE II (Advanced)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a survey course covering United States History and Government spanning from the Civil War up to the modern era. We will engage in many different activities to learn more about several key events in our nation’s history in a concise amount of time. In this course we will focus on the most important people, places, and events.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS: I will keep all textbooks in the classroom as we will often utilize digital texts. If you would like a copy of the book, I will provide one upon request. If you choose to receive a textbook, you may leave it at home or wherever it is that you complete your homework assignments, just do not lose it!

- *Notebook (Spiral or Marble) for notetaking*
- *3-Ring Binder or folder for handouts (if using a binder, I recommend sharing with another course)*
- *Chromebook*
 - **Period 2 Google Classroom Code: HR3V35S**
 - **Period 3 Google Classroom Code: XR4RWMJ**

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY: It is expected that you arrive on time to each class period and are seated and engaged with any “Do Now” activity once the bell has rung. If any student does not think that they can make it to class on time consistently, they must speak to Mr. Smith and figure out a plan of action to achieve a desired outcome.

COMMUNICATION: Parents and students can feel free to contact me via phone at the number listed above, or by the email address listed above. I will do my best to respond to all messages as soon as possible.

CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Students are expected to abide by the rules that they must follow in the rest of the school. All electronic devices should be off and inside of your assigned locker. If I see a cell phone or other prohibited

electronic device out and/or in use while in my room, school protocol will be followed. You are expected to bring your Chromebook to class each day with enough battery to complete the required assignments.

FOOD AND DRINK: There is to be no food or drink inside of the classroom during instruction time. Water bottles are to be kept off of the desk during instructional time.

Bathroom Policy: The bathroom is to be used prior to the bell ringing before class. Students will be permitted to use the restroom in case of an emergency. No bathroom breaks will be granted in the first or last **5 minutes** of a period.

GRADING: To determine your final grade in the course, I will calculate your percentage by dividing your total earned points by the total points possible. Remember- I do not assign you grades, you earn them! Here are how your grades are broken down throughout the year:

Tests/Projects/Essays: 60%

Quizzes: 30%

Homework/Classwork: 10%

*Note: The failure to complete classwork and homework may not seem as though it will be too detrimental to your grade, but please understand that those assignments are what will best prepare you for the assessments that *will* impact your grade significantly.

I am available for extra help upon student/parent request

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION: Assignments are to be handed in on the day they are due, in person, at the start of the class period. If an assignment is due via Google Classroom, it is due online at the designated time period. **If an assignment is handed in with no name (including assessments), 10 points will be deducted from the assignment.**

LATE WORK: Late work will be accepted with 50% credit maximum.

TEST CORRECTIONS: Test corrections will not be offered throughout the year unless an individual arrangement is made between the student and myself.

PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC OFFENSES: Plagiarism will not be accepted nor tolerated in any academic setting, this one included. Cases of plagiarism or other academic offenses will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

OTHER: Remember, I am here to help you learn and grow as a student and as a young adult. Whether Social Studies is a class you have enjoyed in the past or have not enjoyed, I will do my best every day to ensure that you come into class excited about what we will be learning. I am looking forward to a very successful and productive year, and I cannot wait to get to know all of you as we embark on this journey together!

Syllabus subject to change throughout the school year as needed.