

United States History 7

Cornwall Central Middle School - Classroom: C5

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Introduction:

Welcome to United States History 7- Early United States History! This syllabus will give an overview of our Social Studies class this school year. This course provides a look at United States from its foundations as a colony through the mid-1800s. This course will lead into 8th grade United States history, which takes place from the Civil War through present day.

Goal/Objective:

Provide a snapshot of early United States history, while developing a student's critical thinking skills and prepare them for future Social Studies courses.

Course Outline:

- 7.0 HISTORY, WRITING & GEOGRAPHY OVERVIEW
- 7.1 NATIVE AMERICANS & EXPLORATION
- 7.2 COLONIAL DEVELOPMENTS
- 7.3 AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
- 7.4 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 7.5 THE CONSTITUTION IN PRACTICE
- 7.6 WESTWARD EXPANSION
- 7.7 REFORM MOVEMENTS & A NATION DIVIDED

The Textbook:

The American Journey: New York Edition by Appleby, Brinkley, Broussard, McPherson & Ritchie; Glencoe McGraw Hill 2009. 978-0-07-881088-6.

Expectations:

- If you must be absent, *you are responsible for contacting me about missed work*. You will not be sought out.
- Arrive to class on time.
- Raise your hand to participate.
- Be respectful of other's ideas and opinions while they are participating.
- Come prepared for class with completed assignments and all class materials.

Materials:

- 1 Spiral Notebook for Do Now - 1 subject
- 1 Folder for Class Handouts
- 1 Notebook (1 or 3 subject)
- **You should keep everything I give you**
- Pen/pencil to write with

Quarterly Grading Policy:

- Tests/Projects – **30%**
 - Homework/Classwork – **30%**
 - Do Now Checks/Quizzes– **30%**
 - Participation – **10%**
- End-of-Year Final Exam – 10% of your total grade.

Tests/Projects and Homework/Classwork will be computed into a simple academic average based on points, worth 30% of the total grade, respectively. Assignments will be weighted according to their complexity, difficulty and/or length: Homework and Classwork will be graded on a ✓+, ✓, and ✓- scale. Test/Projects will be given a numeric grade based out of 100.

Do Now Checks and Quizzes are 30% of the grade. Quizzes are similar to tests, however generally shorter assessments. Do Now checks will occur at least once per quarter. Students are required to have 1 Do Now notebook for the entire school year (see *Materials*). We will have a Do Now Question almost every day in class, and students are required to write down the date, question, and their answer. Each day's Do Now is worth 3 points. The Do Now notebook is a great way for students to study when the time comes for an assessment, as the day's question generally relates to a main idea we are studying in class.

Class participation will count as 10% of each marking period while enrolled in this class.

Your class participation grade will be *positively* impacted by and by staying on task during class time, adding to class discussion when called on, volunteering information by raising your hand to be called upon, and being respectful to others.

Your class participation grade will be *negatively* impacted by arriving to class unprepared, refusing to add to class discussion when called on, calling out information or distracting others in class, as well as rarely or never volunteering information by raising your hand to be called upon, and not being respectful to others.

Google classroom:

Our class will utilize the virtual workplace, Google classroom. If at any point in the year it is necessary, I will post assignments and materials to "Classroom" for students to view at any time. HW should never be emailed to me, it should either be turned in on google classroom virtually, or physically turned into the HW bins on my desk. You should have automatically been added to google classroom via my invite. If you do not see a 'Social Studies – Stufano' google classroom on your classes page, please see me immediately.

Any and all questions/comments/concerns can be sent to my email:

mstufano@cornwallschools.com

I am looking forward to a great year!

Please sign this syllabus and keep it in your Social Studies notebook.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____