

U.S. History Course Syllabus

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Subject: United States History 1877-present

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Materials Needed: For this class you will need the following

1 1”Binder , Dividers, Notebook paper, Spiral Notebook, Pens or pencils .Note cards,1 box of Kleenex, and a Jump drive

Class Rules:

Follow all mandated policies and procedures

Follow all directions given by the teacher.

Show up to class on time and prepared

Be Respectful (pick up after yourselves, no profanity, no racial slurs, do not touch each other, with anything, ever.)

No Food or Drinks allowed in class

No Electronics or Cell phones in class unless otherwise stated by the teacher. A place in a locked closet will be provided to store cell phones.

I dismiss you not the bell.

Consequences:

Verbal Warning

Written Warning

Call Home

Referral

Severe Clause: Any severe behavior will immediately be referred to the office.

Grading:

40% Participation, Class Work, and Quizzes

40% Homework, Projects and Term Paper

20% Tests

Homework: Homework is assigned once a week on Wednesday. It will be due the following week on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated. Homework is due during your class period at the beginning of class. Homework must be typed. If you choose to turn in an electronic copy, it must be submitted no later than 8:45 on the morning it is due, word compatible, and as an attachment. Do not submit electronic homework in the body of an email. Printing will not be done in the classroom, homework needs to be completed and ready to turn in when class begins.

Printing: No printing will be done in the classroom, all homework assignments must be printed and ready to turn in before you arrive in the classroom.

Late Work: Late work will lose 30 points for every day that it is late. Exceptions will be made in special circumstances. Students who missed the day that homework is due will need to turn in their homework on the day they return to school.

Make-Up: Make up work is the responsibility of the student. The student must pick up make up work when they return to class. The students have one class day for every day absent to turn in the makeup work.

Calendars: Students will be given a calendar each month with due dates starting in September. The dates may change at anytime but the students will be notified.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is built in to the homework, the tests, and the quizzes. No additional extra credit assignments will be given.

Term Paper: Students are expected to do a Semester term paper that will be due two weeks before finals week. More information will be given to the students about the term paper in September.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Plagiarized work will result in an automatic “0”

Student ID Cards:

Students must have an ID card no later than the second week of school. As per school rules students need to have ID cards on their person at all times while on campus.

Parent Portal:

Student grades can be accessed through the parent portal, parents should sign up for parent portal to be aware of how their child is performing in class. To sign up for parent portal, go to the EPISD webpage, click on the parent portal link and follow the instructions.

EPISD's Power Up and Bring Your Own Device

EPISD's new initiative will give each student the opportunity to receive a laptop to use for class. These laptops may be used in the class, however, the student is responsible for following the classroom policies for this initiative. Students may opt out of using the district provided laptops and are more than welcome to bring their own device of their choosing- laptop, tablet, phone. The same policies shall apply to the Bring Your Own Device initiative, with some added policies.

Technology Policies and Responsibilities:

- 1.) Students are responsible for their device, the classroom teacher, nor shall the school inherit any responsibility for these devices. This covers- theft, and damage of any kind.
- 2.) It is the sole responsibility of the student to bring their device with a charged battery for class. Plugs are extremely limited in the classroom and may not be within reach of the student. Likewise, if a student is in reach of a plug, the student must be diligent in keeping the walking path cleared of any cords, or plugs that may cause someone to fall.
- 3.) Students are responsible for having a contingency plan in place if they are not able to use their device for any reason (i.e. cannot connect to wifi, dead battery, lack of software/or hardware)
- 4.) Sharing of work through the digital medium is considered plagiarism and will be treated and handled as such.
- 5.) Students will not use their device for purposes outside of the curriculum. (i.e. messaging, games, unauthorized internet usage, etc.)
- 6.) Social Networking sites are not a part of the curriculum. Any student using these sites during class time will have their device confiscated and be referred to the office. As an extension, devices may not be used to take photos or video during class time, without the expressed permission of the instructor.
- 7.) Students will limit their device usage to one device at a time. (i.e. if you are using your laptop, your phone should be put away in your bag.)
- 8.) Desktop computers are not for charging! **DO NOT USE THEM FOR THIS PURPOSE!**
- 9.) Students will adhere to EPISD's Acceptable Use policy as well as the classroom policies listed above. EPISD's Acceptable Use Policy can be found in the Student Handbook at the beginning of their school issued agenda or online at http://chapin.episd.org/about_us/policy_and_downloads.
- 10.) Policies not expressly listed shall also be adhered to. This document may be updated at any time throughout the semester.

Week 1: August 24- August 28

Introductions

US History Review Colonies

Week 2: August 31- September 4

US History Review Revolution

Week 3: September 7-September 11

US History Review Civil War

No School Sept. 7th. 2015

Homecoming week

Week 4: September 14- 29

Freedom Week

Week 5: September 21-27

Gilded Age

Week 6: September 28- October 2

Gilded Age

Week 7: October 5- 9

Gilded Age

Week 8: October 12-16

Progressive Era

Week 9: October 19-23

Progressive Era

Week 10: October 26-30

Progressive Era

Week 11: November 2-6

WWI

Week 12: November 9-13

WWI

Week 13: November 16-20

WWI

Week 14: November 23- November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15: November 30- December 4

1920's

Week 16: December 7-13

1920's

Week 16: December 16-20

Finals Week

AGREEMENT TO SYLLABUS CONDITIONS

I attest by my signature below that I have read and understand the course objectives/policies, expectations, and requirements for US HISTORY. Please sign below and return the entire syllabus to me by our next class meeting. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Student Name (PRINT): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____