



US History

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Welcome to US History. In our class we will use: lectures, discussions, the history text, research projects, primary sources, simulations, video, and computers to learn about our nation's history. Each historical unit will last three to four weeks. At the end of each unit students will receive a unit test.

Main Course Units First Semester

- Foundations of US Democracy
- Slavery and the Civil War
- Immigration and The Progressive Era
- The US as a World Power
- The Roaring 20's
- The Great Depression

Main Course Units Second Semester

- The Home Front in World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement
- The Vietnam War and the 1960's
- The 1970's
- The 1980's and the Rise of Conservatism
- The 21st Century

Grading

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| • 35% Classwork and Homework | A = 90-100 % |
| • 35% Tests and Quizzes | B = 80-89% |
| • 15% Final Exam | C = 70-79% |
| • 10% Research Paper | D = 60-69% |
| • 5% Participation | F = 59% or below |

Excused Absences and Make Up Work

For excused absences a student has as many days to make up missing assignments, as he or she was absent.

Getting Help

Some concepts and chapters will be more difficult than others. I will be glad to make time at lunch or afterschool if you need additional help. You may also e-mail me if you have a question about an assignment or talk to me in person if something comes up that is hindering your success in the class.

Using the Classroom Website

We have a classroom webpage designed to help you with the course. The page contains daily assignments, handouts, and power point presentations. You can use the website if you are absent, or need materials to study before tests. The Internet address is:

<http://daveforrest.net/US>

Classroom expectations

In order to be successful in US History, please arrive on time. Bring your basic classroom materials including: notebook, pen or pencil, and paper. Be prepared to take notes, participate in discussion, and complete classroom assignments.

Class Rules

1. Treat each individual in the classroom with respect.
2. Arrive on time with all the necessary classroom materials.
3. Do not interrupt teacher. Raise hands during classroom discussion.
4. Please turn off all electronic devices and place them in book bag as you enter the classroom.
5. All school rules apply.

If you are late to class please sign the tardy notebook. Each tardy will result in a deduction of 5 participation points. In addition, each unexcused absence students will lose 10 participation points (out of a total 100 possible points).

Consequences

1. Verbal Warning
2. Conference with Teacher
3. Detention
4. Call Home
5. Referral to Principal

Work Hard and Be Nice!