

U.S. History 2017 – 2018 Mr. Gerba Room 132

Course description: We will be exploring the various aspects of American History from the Post – Civil War Era though to the Modern Day. Topics that will be covered include: Immigration/Urbanization, Spanish – American War, Political Reform during the Gilded Age, WWI, The Roaring 20's, Great Depression/New Deal Era, WWII, The Cold War Era, Vietnam, Civil Rights, and Modern Times/Pop Culture.

Graded Items

Your grade will be decided by totaling up the points you accumulate from the activities and assignments listed below:

Quizzes:	20 pts
Tests:	80 – 150 pts
In class writing:	5 – 10 pts
Homework:	10 – 20 pts
Groupwork:	5 – 20 pts
Projects:	50 – 200 pts

Classroom Expectations: PBIS

Brave – Listen to the staff and maintain your personal space

Respect – Be on time, be polite, and use appropriate language

Accountable – Be prepared, be honest, do your own work, use electronic devices ***As Permitted***

Victorious – Do your best work, celebrate success in the classroom

Enthusiastic – Be positive, take ownership of your learning

Academic Integrity:

1. Take pride in your own work
2. Use technology as directed by your teacher
3. Manage your time for success
4. Do not assume the assignment has no value
5. Do not copy work from another student
6. Do not share test information with classmates

Required materials:

- American History text (handed out week 1)
- 3 Ring binder/Notebook with a folder pocket
- Pens, pencils, extra paper, etc.

Suggested Items:

- Email address (you have a school account)
- Flash drive (saving computer work, we may use the computers!)

iPad Apps:

- Socrative, (leaf with a blue background labeled student)
- EduCreations,
- PicCollage,
- Pages, Keynote, Word, PowerPoint
- iMovie
- Prezi
- QR Code Reader free for iPad
- Quizlet
- Aurasma
- Google Drive

Preliminary Course Outline

Sept:

- Ch.9 Immigration/Urban Life in the late 1800's

Oct/Nov/Dec:

- Ch.10 The Gilded Age of Political Reform
- Ch.12 The Spanish – American War
- Ch.15 WWI Era

January:

- Ch.15 completion if needed (WWI)
- Ch.16 The 1920's (Art, entertainment, Organized crime, Politics)

February:

- Ch.16 The 1920's completion (Projects)
- Ch.17 and Ch.18 The Great Depression and The New Deal

March:

- Ch.18 completion if needed
- Ch.19 WWII (causes, battles, weapons, leaders, project)

April:

- Ch.19 WWII Completion
- Ch.20 The Cold War

May:

- Ch.20 The Cold War completion if needed
- Vietnam/Civil Rights Era
- Pop Culture Mini Unit (70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's)

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