

ELIZABETH FORWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement United States History

MR. RAFFAELE Room 133

Course Description

This course is a two semester survey of American History from the Colonial Period to the Present. Students may earn up to six college credits by taking and passing the College Board A.P. examination. The course correlates the past with the present. Students will be able to explain "why" or "how" historical events evolved rather than simply "what" happened. A strong emphasis on essay writing and projects will be maintained throughout the year. Lastly, this course is equivalent to a introductory college level course. Students will be expected to go above and beyond simple textbook knowledge by examining factual matter, using logic and analysis to evaluate historical evidence, interpreting maps and charts, extensive reading of primary and secondary works, and providing evidence of learning with essay type examinations.

Text

The primary text for this course is *America: Past and Present Eighth Edition* by Robert Divind et al.

Grades (Total # of points divided by the total possible points)

1. Review Worksheets (10-20 pts)
2. Quizzes (10-30 pts)
3. Unit Tests (50-100 pts)
4. DBQ (50 pts)
5. FRE (25 pts)
6. In Class Projects (15 pts)
7. Out of Class Projects (20 points)

Normal Daily Routines

1. Power Point Presentations/Direct Instruction.
2. Student Reading and Research.
3. Classroom Discussions
4. Writing Assignments

Alternate Routines

1. Cooperative Learning Activities.
2. Group Projects
3. Educational Videos

Rules

1. Follow Directions
2. Respect Others.
3. Use Appropriate Language.
4. Sit in assigned seat and be ready to work when bell rings.
5. Bring your supplies.
6. No Food/Drink in class.
7. BE ON TIME! (3 tardies equal one detention)

Consequences

1. Verbal Warning.
2. Detention with Mr. Raffaele
3. Referral form sent to office.

Make Up/Grading Policy

1. Each student is responsible for obtaining assignments for missed classes.
2. Absent on the due date of a test= take test on first day back to school.
3. Cheating is not tolerated. No credit will be received.

Scope and Sequence

Units:

1. Colonial History
2. Revolution to Confederation
3. Critical Period
4. Jefferson through Van Buren
5. Sectionalism and Slavery
6. Civil War and Reconstruction
7. The Gilded Age
8. Progressivism
9. World War I
10. The Roaring Twenties
11. The 1930's—The Worst of times
12. WWII and the Cold War
13. Modern Times

General Notes:

- 1) Extra Credit will not be offered for this course.
- 2) Late Assignment Policy: One Day late ½ Credit; Two or more days late zero credit.

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