

American History 2006-2007

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<u>Course #s</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	
21003100-3	Tues./Wed./Thurs.	8:00am-8:55am
21003100-1	Mon./Tues./Wed.	9:05am-10:00am
21003100-4	Tues./Wed./Thurs.	1:25pm-2:20pm

RESOURCES USED

Text: “*The American Vision*”, Glencoe, 2003

Website: <http://www.glencoe.com/sec/socialstudies/ose/national.html>

User Name: TAV

Password: W3dRaqGec

**Textbooks may not leave the classroom without teacher permission. The above website is an online version of the textbook that students may refer to outside of class.*

ATTENDANCE

After 5 unexcused and/or excused absences, the student will be dropped *one* letter grade for *each* additional absence. After 10 unexcused and/or excused absences, the student will receive an automatic failing grade and be placed on permanent work detail.

Extenuating Circumstances (family emergency, hospitalization, etc) will be handled individually but the student must talk to me!

LATE/MAKE-UP WORK

Late work is not accepted! The student will receive a zero on any assignment that is not handed in on time. Students who have an *excused* absence on the day that an assignment is due must hand in that assignment on the first day that they return to class. Students who have an excused absence on the day of a quiz or test must see me on the first day that they return to class to schedule make-up (must be made up within **3** business days of the scheduled quiz or test). Anytime a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to ask the teacher for missed work on the first day that student is in class. **I will not hunt you down!** It is always a good idea to let me know, in advance, about planned absences (dentist appointments, etc.) Students who have an *unexcused* absence will not be able to make up missed assignments, quizzes, tests, etc. Students who are absent on a day that the class took notes should ask a classmate for those notes ASAP. Remember that it is the student’s responsibility to get caught up from missed classes.

TARDIES

Classes start promptly at the scheduled time. **Be on time!** 4 tardies = 1 unexcused absence. If a student is more than 10 minutes late for class, he or she will not be admitted and will receive an unexcused absence.

CELL PHONE, IPODS and other personal electronic devices.

Please turn your cell phones off or on a silent setting. Do not leave your phones on vibrate. Any student whose phone goes off during class will receive demerits. Do not bring ipods, MP3 players or head sets of any kind to class. If I see it, the student will receive demerits.

MATERIALS

Every student must come prepared for class everyday. Failure to come to class prepared is equivalent to the student not being present. Therefore, the student will be asked to leave and given an unexcused absence. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. 1 spiral notebooks that are only used for this class. (A three-ring binder with dividers is an option for students who prefer not to use spiral notebooks.)
2. Student Agenda. If a student has lost his or her agenda then another one must be purchased from the school before that student will be admitted to class.
3. Pen or pencil (already sharpened and ready to go).

CONDUCT IN CLASS

1. On days that you are given class time to read or complete an assignment, you will be expected to spend the period doing that. This means that ALL other books, purses, etc, are on the floor under your chair for the period.
2. During lectures and discussion periods, I expect you to raise your hand when asking or answering a question. Because discussion is so much a part of the format of this class, attacking any person's viewpoint will not be tolerated.
3. No food! You will be allowed to bring a drink, such as bottled water or a bottle of pop, to class. Absolutely no cans! These are too easily spilled. If there is trash left in the classroom that class will no longer be allowed to bring drinks to class.
4. The last thing we do at the end of each class period is to look around our seats and pick up any trash, whether it was ours or not.
5. Books do not leave the room unless formally checked out by me overnight. I will not stamp that student's schedule until the book is returned to me. No schedules will be stamped until I see that all textbooks are back in the bookcase.
6. If you are missing your schedule at the end of class you will be expected to wait for me to check the attendance log before stamping it the next time you come to class. I will not do this while I am teaching another class. You must come see me during my plan time! I will also not stamp any schedule that is not dated.

GRADING POLICY

90-100 A 80-89 B 70-79 C 69-69 D 50-59 F

Grades will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

1. Quizzes/Tests 30%
2. Exams 50%
3. Project Hour 20%

TOPICS COVERED

Aug. Unit 1 Three Worlds Meet

- Ch. 1 Converging Cultures
- Ch. 2 Colonizing America
- Ch. 3 Colonial Ways of Life

Sept. Unit 2 Creating a Nation

- Ch. 4 The American Revolution
- Ch. 5 Creating a Constitution
- Ch. 6 Federalists and Republicans

Oct. Unit 3 The Young Republic

- Ch. 7 Growth and Division
- Ch. 8 The Spirit of Reform
- Ch. 9 Manifest Destiny

Nov./Dec. Unit 4 The Crisis of Union

- Ch. 10 Sectional Conflict Intensifies
- Ch. 11 The Civil War
- Ch. 12 Reconstruction

1st Semester Final Exam

Project Hour 1st Semester- Family Tree

Jan. Unit 5 The Birth of Modern America

- Ch. 13 Settling the West
- Ch. 14 Industrialization
- Ch. 15 Urban America
- Ch. 16 Politics and Reform

Feb. Unit 6 Imperialism and Progressivism

- Ch. 17 Becoming a World Power
- Ch. 18 The Progressive Movement
- Ch. 19 World War I and Its Aftermath

Mar. Unit 7 Boom and Bust

- Ch. 20 The Jazz Age
- Ch. 21 Normalcy and Good Times
- Ch. 22 The Depression Begins
- Ch. 23 Roosevelt and the New Deal

Apr. Unit 8 Global Struggles

- Ch. 24 A World in Flames
- Ch. 25 America and World War II
- Ch. 26 The Cold War Begins
- Ch. 27 Postwar America

May Unit 9 A Time of Upheaval

- Ch. 28 The New Frontier and the Great Society

2nd Semester Final Exam

Project Hour 1st Semester- Family Tree

Project Hour 2nd Semester- TBA

***THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME!**

Students must come to this class with a positive attitude. Any disrespect towards me or classmates is unacceptable. Students will be asked to leave the classroom immediately and given an unexcused absence. It is a privilege to attend this school. Let's have a wonderful year!

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Acknowledgment Page

By signing this page you acknowledge that you understand and will adhere to the policies explained in the syllabus:

Course # _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____