

United States History Syllabus

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Conference Time: 3-3:45p

Supplies Needed:

- 1 Spiral Notebook w/ College Rule Paper (this will stay in classroom)
- 1 Binder or Notebook (this to take to and from school)
- Pens or Pencils (No Red Please)
- Colored Pencils

Course Description:

U.S. History is a yearlong survey of American history from Reconstruction to the present. Emphasis is placed on vocabulary, critical thinking skills, historical writing, and interpretation of original documents (DBQ's). Besides listening to traditional lectures on important themes in U.S. History, students are expected to participate in class through discussions, debates of key issues, simulations, and project based learning. Furthermore, students are expected to continually develop their writing skills through regular short writing assignments, and maintain class handouts and materials of assigned and completed work.

Topics and Themes Covered (In Order)

- Western Expansion and Gilded Age
- Progressive Era
- Imperialism
- World War I
- Roaring 20s
- Great Depression
- World War II
- Cold War
- Civil Rights Movement
- 1960s Vietnam
- Modern America
- STAAR Review