

Class Disclosure and Policies US History II
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Class Overview: US History is a full year, required class for juniors. The first semester will focus on the history of the United States from 1880 through the Great Depression. The second semester will begin with the World War II and continue to the present. There will be an emphasis on social issues, presidential history, higher level thinking skills, and literacy. Discussion and participation are expected and encouraged.

Text: United States History: Reconstruction to the Present. Prentice Hall, 2013. This is the official text for the class; however, we will use many supplemental texts, including magazine and newspaper articles, and other primary and secondary sources. The textbooks must remain in the classroom. There are also copies available in the school library.

Attendance: In a perfect world, students would be in class, on time, every day; however, illness, appointments, and emergencies cannot be prevented. Students will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. Absences must be cleared before make up work will be given. In some cases, an alternative assignment may be substituted. Students and parents should realize that this is not a class that can be taken by correspondence; students who are consistently absent should not expect a high grade. Students who are tardy 4 or more times will receive a U in citizenship. Students will be given an opportunity to make up a U before it is recorded. Chronic tardiness or absenteeism will be reported to the administration.

Grading Policy: Scores on assessments, assignments, and participation will be used to calculate your final grade. Your scores on these activities will then be converted to a percentage and assigned a letter grade according to the following scale:

100-94	A	76-74	C
93-90	A-	73-70	C-
89-87	B+	69-67	D+
86-84	B	66-64	D
83-80	B-	63-60	D-
79-77	C+	Below 60	F

Tutorial: Tutorial is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tutorial time is reserved for students who need to make up missed assignments, tests, or quizzes, and students who need extra help on assignments. If you come to my class for tutorial, you are expected to be on-task the entire time. No cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices will be allowed. Students who do not use tutorial time wisely will not be allowed to attend in my classroom. In the spring, my tutorial will be reserved for AP students only.

Coursework: Students can expect at least one in-class assignment each day. Classroom discussions and participation are an important part of this class. Homework will be minimal. There will be a daily writing prompt that will be completed at the beginning of class. Late work will be accepted, but points will be deducted. Please check my website often—I will post assignments on a regular basis.

Classroom Expectations: There are 3 rules in my classroom: students have the RIGHT to learn, and I have the RIGHT to teach; students must take RESPONSIBILITY for their actions and their learning; and students must RESPECT other students, other viewpoints, the teacher, the school, and any classroom visitors. RESPECT is critical in this class. We will discuss many important, and sometimes controversial, issues, and students must remain respectful of others. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed to be used in my classroom. Water bottles are allowed, but no other food or drink should be brought to the classroom. The school dress code will be enforced. Students and parents should also be familiar with the policies of Northridge High School and Davis School District.

Office Hours and Extra Help: My prep periods are 1st and 5th. I am also available before and after school, during tutorial, and by appointment.

My Philosophy: I love teaching history! It is the greatest subject, because all other subjects can be covered in history! As your teacher, I promise to treat you with respect, to support and encourage you, to have meaningful lessons prepared, and to help you be successful. I expect you to come to class prepared, ready to learn. I look forward to working with you this year!

Mrs. Andersen