

Friends Academy

American History 8

I would like to welcome you to 8th Grade American History. History is a topic that is never finished being written and so it can be very challenging to “cram” American History into a one year course. With this in mind, I have crafted a thematic approach to American History. We will still discuss and learn about many of the important events and people from American History, but we will tie them to themes with impact on today’s world.

Daily Materials Needed:

- Marble Notebook, section of binder, and folder
- Charged Chromebook
- Pen, or Pencil or writing utensil

Grades:

Grades for this class will be calculated by the accumulation of points divided by the total number that could be earned. Each assessment and assignment will be given point value, and rubrics will be distributed so expectations and grades are understood and fair. Grades will be given each quarter, but the 1st and 3rd quarters are estimated grades and the point total will continue to the 2nd and 4th quarters.

Extra Help and Support:

Extra Help and other support is offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:05-11:30. I am more than happy to meet before and/or after school but I ask that you set up an appointment as I have to arrange travel and child care.

Assessments There are multiple types of assessments over the course of the year. We will focus more heavily on writing this year and so most of the assessments will be written essays in class. However, we will also have smaller geography, and vocabulary assessments. There will also be several projects ranging from investigating personal “American Stories”, to redrafting American historical documents into today’s vernacular, and to creating personal “This I believe” statements with famous American Speeches as a building block.

- **Course Objectives**

The student will learn to think critically.

The student will develop growth mindset.

The student will develop a deeper understanding of American History and how events from the past connect to the present.

Absences If you are absent from a class you will need to complete the class notes, any in-class activities, assessments and homework assigned. On the portal, and on Google Classroom you

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can find the in-class notes as well as the homework assignment. If you are absent try to come in during Extra Help (11:06-11:26am) as soon as possible to get any questions answered.

Expectations

What I expect of you.....

1. Be on time
2. Come to class prepared with all necessary items
3. Respect yourself, your peers and your teachers
4. Participate
5. Using classroom time wisely
6. Give 100% during the **short time** we have together

What you can expect of me...

1. I will answer all questions you have about the topics we cover.
2. I will be available during extra help, and before or after school by appointment.
3. I will be prepared every day to teach lessons that accomplish the history, and writing standards that need to be met.
4. I will try to make class interesting and relevant by varying activities and trying new things.

In keeping with the academic honesty policy, the work that any student brings to class should be his or her own, irrespective of whether it is being collected or graded. By signing this document you are aware of the rules, expectations that will be enforced within my classroom, as well as consequences put in place. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with each and every individual student this academic year.

Good luck and let's have a GREAT year,

Mr. Frazer

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Once signed and shown to Mr. Frazer, this is to be kept in your history folder/binder at all times.