

Department: Social Studies

Course Title: Honors American Studies II

Course #: 206H

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (Grade 10) (1 Credit)

In this course, students will conduct an in-depth study of United States History from the emergence of the U.S. as a world power around 1900 to the present. Students will analyze the dramatic economic, political, and social changes that occurred as the U.S. became the leading industrial and consumer economy populated by a great diversity of peoples who immigrated from around the world. Students will be able to explain how the U.S. became a major economic and political leader in world affairs and adopted a greatly expanded role for government. Finally, students will study how the U.S. modernized socially and culturally with new roles and rights for women, African-Americans and other minorities. Course requirements include substantial additional readings and writings before and during the semester. Assessment will be based on exams, papers, class contribution, homework, quizzes, and projects. This course is weighted for class rank.

Students are responsible for reading one book before the semester begins in addition to the required book during the semester. The outside reading is *Out of This Furnace* by Thomas Bell.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS
The Development of the Modern United States	6 weeks	1.2.11, 1.6.11
The Cold War at Home and Abroad	4 weeks	1.8.11
Social Movements and the Vietnam War	4 weeks	1.5.11
Modern America	4 weeks	1.7.11

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INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:

Textbook: Cayton, Andrew. *et al. Pathways to the Present*. Prentice Hall, 2003.

Outside Reading: *Out of this Furnace* by Thomas Bell. University of Pittsburgh Press, 1976.

Outside Reading: *Hiroshima* by John Hersey. Vintage Books Edition, 1989.