

Hahnville High School

Advance Placement Program

United States History



Recommendations for course

- Prior knowledge of geography and American Government.
- A good work ethic, strong reading skills, time management skills and organization.
- Strong critical analysis and writing skills.
- Have an open mind in order to be objective in analyzing historical events.

About the class....

This course is designed to provide a college-level experience and preparation for the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in May 2015 . An emphasis is placed on interpreting documents, mastering a significant body of factual information, and writing critical essays. Topics include life and thought in colonial America, revolutionary ideology, constitutional development, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, nineteenth-century reform movements, and Manifest Destiny. Other topics include the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialism, Populism, Progressivism, World War I, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, The Cold War, the post-Cold War era, and the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century. This course will fulfill the United States history graduation requirement.

In addition to the topics listed above, the course will emphasize a series of key themes throughout the year. These themes have been determined by the College Board as essential to a comprehensive study of United States history. The themes will include discussions of diversity and the development of a unique American identity and culture, demographic changes over the course of America's history, economic trends and

Homework/Classwork

The majority of homework assignments in this class will consist of readings, identifications, outlines, and essays. **In order to be successful, you must spend considerable time reading and comprehending your text and other documents.** You are responsible for any readings the date they are due, as this is necessary in order to have relevant discussions in the classroom. Quizzes may be given to assess whether or not the assigned readings were completed. All assignments will be collected at the beginning of class. No work will be accepted after that time, unless prior arrangements have been made with me. The class averages about a chapter a week to