

United States History

Course Description:

This course will cover United States History from the founding of America through Contemporary United States History (1970's- present). This course will cover important vocabulary, key themes, and concepts. It will help prepare for the United State History Regents in June.

Course Requirements:

- Be prepared with all the necessary materials.
- Participate
- Be respectful.

Preparation:

- You will need pens or pencils.
- Loose leaf or notebook paper.
- You will be creating important vocabulary cards that will help you learn and review important terms.
- You need to come with your school I-Pad fully charged.

Student Help:

- I am available for extra help: 2nd, 4th, and 9th periods.
- I am also available after school hours and during lunch.
- Please see me to set up a time for help during these times and get a pass.

Grading Procedures:

Participation: 20%. You will receive a participation grade each week. If you are absent you need to see me about what you missed during homeroom the next day. You will receive participation points for the period you missed **only** if you show me that you have completed the work we did in class. You will lose points if you forget your I-Pad, pen, or pencil, do not participate in class discussions, are tardy to class or are off task.

Homework/Classwork: 25%. Homework will be assigned. Often, we will try to get this done in class but at times it will be necessary to finish it at home. It is due at the beginning of the class period.

Quizzes: 10%. Quizzes will be given in class throughout the year. These will be announced.

Tests: 20%. We will have a test after each unit. The test questions will be from past United States Regents exams. They will include Multiple Choice, Short-Essay Questions, Civic Literacy Essay

Projects/Essay: 25%. Projects will be given throughout the year. We will work on document questions, short-essay questions, and civic literacy essay to prepare for the United States History Regents.

Class Work/ Homework:

- It is especially important to complete all class work and homework. The work given will help you learn the necessary material.
- Homework is due at the beginning of the period. Homework is not to be completed during the class period it is due.
- If you are absent ask Miss Vossler what work, you missed. It is your responsibility. You can come up and ask during homeroom. You can also ask me through Team chat.
- **If an assignment is late, 10 points will be taken off the grade.**
- It is important to take the notes given.
- If you do not understand something, ask for help.
- It is important that you take your time on all work.

Participation:

- Be on time for class every day and be in your seat when class begins. Three unexcused tardies will result in a detention (see student handbook).
- I dismiss the class. Do not start packing up your stuff while I am still teaching.
- Ask questions if you do not understand.
- Ask for extra help when needed.
- Come to class with your I-Pad fully charged.

Respect:

- Listen to your peers and the teacher when they are talking.
- Do not interrupt when others are speaking.
- If you need to leave the room for any reason, please ask and then sign out and take a pass (they are near the door). Do not forget to sign back in when you come back. On a rare occasion I may ask you to wait a few minutes until I finish a topic.
- Name calling, rude comments, and foul language will not be permitted.
- Cell phones are not allowed and must be in lockers or backpacks/bags.
- Treat others with respect.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

- Do not lie and instead admit when you do something wrong.
- Clean up after yourself. There is a garbage can and recycling bin in the room.
- Keep your work area clean and organized.
- You have the right to learn. You do not have the right to interrupt someone else's learning.
- Continued disruptions will be referred to the- Principal.

Films:

If time permits, we will be watching the following films (or portions of) in class:

- Lincoln
- Iron Jawed Angel
- They Shall Not Grow Old
- The Men Who Built America
- America: The Story of Us
- Amazing Grace
- Selma

Video Clips: America the Story of Us episode 1, American Revolution (Oversimplified), What Happened Immediately After the American Revolution Ended (Weird History), What Life on a Slave Ship was Like (History Channel), Hard Core Facts About Alexander Hamilton, Shay's Rebellion (History Channel), The Last Known Slave Ship (60 Minutes), Salem Witch Trials (History Channel), What Really Happened During the Salem Witch Trials (TED ED-Brain A. Pavlac), Writing the Declaration of Independence (9 Things you may Not Know About the Declaration of Independence), Understand Why Benedict Arnold Spied for the British During the American Revolutionary War (Britannica), Daily Bellringers: The New England Colonies, The Townsend Acts, Intolerable Acts, Winter at Valley Forge, Spies During the American Revolution, Writing the Declaration Of Independence, The Declaration of Independence Explained, Shays Rebellion, The Sugar and Stamp Act, Benjamin Franklin, Women and the Revolution, The Treaty of Paris 1783, How did the Articles of Confederation Work. Parts of the movie: The Crossing. America the Story of Us episode 2, The Bill of Rights, The Constitution (Crash Course US History). The Constitutional Convention (U.S. History Kids), The Making of the American Constitution (TED ED), The Bill of Rights: Pretty Important and Very Epic (Kristen Edger), James Monroe (History Channel), Daily Bellringers: U.S. Constitution Rhymes, The Constitutional Convention, Article 1 Sections 1,2, &3, Article 1 Sections 4,5, &6, Article 1 Sections 8,9, &10, Article II Section 1& 2, Article III Sections 1,2, &3, Article IV Sections 1,2,3, &4, Article V, Articles VI & VII, Preamble of the Constitution, the 3/5 Compromise, The U.S. Constitution. The Feud Between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton is Deeper than you Thought (Weird History), 10 Cool Facts about the Lewis and Clark Expedition (Weird History), Was Andrew Jackson America's Craziest President (Weird History). "1812" in 4 Minutes (Battle Fields.org),

Crash Course War of 1812, James Monroe (History Channel), Sound Smart- Manifest Destiny (History Channel), American's 2nd War of Independence (History Channel War of 1812), Hard Core Facts about Alexander Hamilton, America the Story of Us- Westward, History in a Nutshell- the Trail of Tears, George Washington- Little Known Facts (History Channel), What was the Indian Removal Act (Two Minute History), Indian Boarding School: The History, The Heartache, The Healing (PBS Media Meet) Dredd Scott Decision, Black American History #16 (Crash Course), What Life on the Trail of Tears was Like (Weird History), What Life on a Native Reservation is Really Like (Weird History), Native American Boarding Schools: A Lost History Parts 1 & 2, Westward Expansion (Crash Course), Daily Bellringers: Alexander Hamilton, Sacagawea, Lewis and Clarke Expedition, The Louisiana Purchase, Era of Good Feelings, Manifest Destiny, The Election of 1824 and the Corrupt Bargain, Massacre at Wounded Knee, Thomas Jefferson, Texas Independence, 23. Benjamin Harrison, The Alamo, The Wild West Cowboys and the Cattle Kingdom, The Wild West Mining Boomtowns. Whiskey Rebellion: Whiskey, Taxes, and Betrayal, Past PA (WPSU PBS), American the Story of Us episodes 4 and 5, The American Civil War 1 & 2 (Oversimplified), What it was Like to be a Civil War Prisoner of War (Weird History), What Actually Happened During the Final Hours of the Civil War (Weird History), What happened Right After Lincoln was Shot (Weird History) Daily Bellringers: The Emancipation Proclamation, 18. Ulysses S. Grant, The Compromise of 1850 Explained, Civil War Advantages and Disadvantages, First Battle of Bull Run, Southern Agricultural Economy, The Peninsula Campaign 1862, The Abolitionist Movement, The Missouri Compromise. What the South was Like During Reconstruction (Weird History), America the Story of Us episode 6, What if Lincoln Wasn't Assassinated? (Life's Biggest Questions), Origins of "The Grandfather Clause" (YouTube), Daily Bellringers: Reconstruction Amendments, Freedman's Bureau, Share Cropping, and Black Codes. The Men Who Built America, America the Story of Us episode 7, Building the Transcontinental Railroad (Sunday Morning), Transcontinental Railroad (Charlie Brown), The Triangle Shirt Waist Fire (History Channel), Haymarket Affair (YouTube NBC News Learn), Homestead Steel Strike (PBS), The Pullman Strike (Daily Dose), The Pullman Strike (Britannica), Daily Bellringers: The Pullman Strike, The Haymarket Riot, The Power Loom, 21. Chester A. Arthur, 25. William McKinley, Political Machines & the Spoils System. The Homestead Steel Strike of 1892 (YouTube John Fitz), Progressive Era Social Reform and Political Change, The Pullman Strike (Hip Hughes), Boss Tweed (PBS), National Parks Service Ellis Island (all five parts) Expedition Series, Jacob Riis How the Other Half Lives (YouTube), Jacob Riis Exhibit at the Library of Congress American Artifacts Preview (YouTube-C-Span), Jacob Riis, Reformer (NBC Learns). Hardcore Facts About Teddy Roosevelt (Weird History), How Teddy Roosevelt Got Shot and Still Did an 84 Minute Speech, The Legacy of Prohibition, 100 Years Later (CBS Morning), Women's Suffrage (Crash Course), Muckrakers (PBS Journalism in action), Muckraking for Dummies, Prohibition- The Volstead Act (PBS), Prohibition-The Time is Now (PBS), Prohibition: Banning Alcohol was a Bad Idea (TED-ED), Daily Bellringers: The Granger Movement, Muckrakers of the Progressive Era, The 19th Amendment & Women's Suffrage, The Progressive Era. What Life was Like for a Trench Soldier in WW1 (Weird History), Lusitania Disaster- A

Maritime Grassy Knoll (CBS Sunday Morning), Sergeant Alvin York- October 8th 1918 Medal of Honor Moment (Lion Heart Film Works), They Shall Not Grow Old, Zimmerman Telegram (PBS), #USWW100 (theworldwar.org), America the Story of US episode 8. Daily Bellringers: Technology of World War 1, WW1 Year 1- 1914, WW1 Year 5- 1918, Why Did the United States Enter the War, WWI Trench Warfare, Outcome of World War I and The Treaty of Versailles, Causes of World War I, How a 1921 Mob Destroyed Americas Richest Black Neighborhood (Weird History), Prohibition (Oversimplified), What it was Like to be a Prohibition Bootlegger (Weird History), What Happened After Black Tuesday (Weird History), America the Story of Us episode 9). History of NASCAR, The Rise of the Mafia-Prohibition (History), Documentary: The March of the Bonus Army (PBS), Remembering the Tulsa Massacre 100 Years Later (American Experience). Daily Bellringers: The Dust Bowl, Social Darwinism and the Gilded Age, The Great Depression, Stock Market Crash 1929, Harlem Renaissance, Flappers of the 1920's, The Roaring Twenties, Hoovervilles. World War II (Oversimplified), America the Story of Us episode 10, What Life was Like for the Real Rosie the Riveter (Weird History), What Happened After the Attack on Pearl Harbor (Weird History), What Happened to Japanese Americans During WWII (Weird History), 1996 Ghost Army Declassified (The Ghost Army- Ray Woodcock), What it was Like to be an American GI in WWII (Weird History), Korematsu VS U.S. (Brief Summary Law Case Explained, Hiroshima- Dropping the Bomb (BBC), The REAL Story Dunkirk Evacuation 1940 (Premier History), Daily Bellringers: WWII Battleships, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Cold War (Oversimplified), Facts About J. Edgar Hoover (Weird History), Everything That Went Wrong During the Bay of Pigs Invasion (Weird History), The Cold War (Crash Course U.S.), The Cold War in Asia (Crash Course U.S.), What is McCarthyism (TED ED), Kent State Shooting Explained (History), Sound Smart: The Red Scare (History), How a Soviet Soldier Saved the World from Annihilation (Weird History), The Former Soviet Officer Who Saved the World from Possible Nuclear War Has Died Age 77 (Time/YouTube). America the Story of Us episode 11. America the Story of Us episode 12, Everything That Happened Leading up to Nixon's Resignation (Weird History), 27 Amendments in 27 Minutes (National Constitution Center), Daily Bellringer: September 11, 2001, Presidential Arrest in U.S. History.

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- ❖ I reserve the right to make changes to this document at any time and will announce any changes made.

I understand that I am responsible for the information on this sheet of paper and agree to follow these conditions to the best of my ability.

Student signature:

Teacher signature:

_____ Date: _____

Dear Parents /Guardians:

After you have reviewed my class procedures and grading policies, please take time to complete the last page of this form. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or any matter throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me by e-mail nvossler@genvalley.org or by phone, 585-268-7900 extension 1137.

Please keep this page so that you have my contact information.

Please return this portion. You can keep my contact information on the previous page.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

What is the best time to reach you? _____

What phone number? _____

E-mail address if you prefer: _____

I would prefer you contact me by _____ phone or _____ e-mail.

Any additional information you would like me to know about your child:

I have read and understand the procedures and grading policies.

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____