

**United States History
Class Syllabus
First Semester**

Mr. McKinnon

Text: The Americans

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Course:

A. Class objectives

1. Discuss and understand the causes & effects and the critical events of the American Revolution
2. Discuss and understand the challenges encountered in the years of the New Republic
3. Discuss and understand the impact of Manifest Destiny in the 1840s and the growing Sectionalism of the 1850s
4. discuss and understand the causes and effects, along with the critical events of the American Civil War
5. Exposed to a broad period of United States History, which will help them synthesize the importance of Immigration and Industrialization
6. Discuss and understand American Imperialism from the late 19th Century to American involvement in World War I

Class Expectations:

TARDIES

There will be an arranged seating pattern. You must be in your seat and ready to start class when the bell rings. If you are not in your seat when I take attendance, you will be counted “tardy.” The first two tardies will be your warnings. The third tardy and any subsequent tardy will result in one-half hour after school.

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit will be given for book cover, video notes and topic summaries.

GRADING

- 90 - 100% = A
- 80 - 89% = B
- 70 - 79% = C
- 60 - 69% = D
- 0 - 59% = F

All assignments must be completed. Work that is not turned in on the day and period specified will be considered to be one day late and receive one-half credit. Any work turned in two days late will receive zero credit. An **INCOMPLETE** assignment at the end of the semester will not be acceptable.

Class Rules:

1. Your best effort and conduct is required at all times.
2. Show respect for others at all times.
3. All work must be done thoroughly and on time.
4. Bring note taking material; your text, pen or pencil and paper every day.
*** Note taking is a requirement for ALL students.
*** Homework done in red, purple or pastel colors will not be accepted.
5. You will not be excused from class to go to the bathroom, locker or telephone.
The only exceptions will be in the case of an emergency.
6. No candy in class. Any gum on the floor or desk will result in no gum in class.
7. Cheating will result in a zero. If you are borderline at the end of the quarter or semester you will not receive the benefit of the doubt. I will also inform your parents.
8. No talking when I am talking. You may ask a question at any time. To get my attention raise your hand.
9. Remain in your seat until the closing bell rings.
10. Three-ring notebook (optional)

What if I am absent from class?

If you are absent, you must make every effort to make up your work as soon as possible. All work for this class is due at CLASSTIME of the assigned day.

If you miss an exam, which you should make every effort NOT to do, the instructor may give an alternative version of the exam (ALL ESSAY). You will have to make arrangements to make up the exam at MY convenience. Missing a make-up exam will constitute a “zero.”

If you will miss due to a school activity, it is YOUR responsibility to let me know this ahead of time. Simply not showing up is not good enough. If we are having an exam on the day you are gone, or when work is due, you must take care of this ahead of time.

PACKER PRIDE

Practise Respect for yourself and others

Act with Responsibility

Conduct yourself with Honesty and Integrity

Keep High Expectations