U.S. History 1st Semester
2026-2027
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Prep period: 1B Office: 118E/Classroom 113E

Course Objective and Description:

The goal of this course is to help students understand and explain the political, social and economic changes throughout the history of the United States. Material is presented in a variety of formats, including lecture/discussion, video, document analysis and assigned reading.

Course Logistics:

- lesson plans and due dates will be posted in Schoology

Communication:

- Class Updates/Changes: Keep an eye on Schoology!
- Email or Schoology message: (*this is my preferred method of communication*)
  - Email: jmckinnon@west-fargo.k12.nd.us
  - Messages will be checked throughout the school day 8:00am-3:50pm
  - Include your class and period in the email message
- Phone: 701) 371-9370
  - Messages will be checked during school hours (8:00am-3:50pm)
  - Include the class and period you are asking about
- Links to join Teams meetings will be on Schoology if need arises

Grading:

- Quarter grades will be calculated based on total points
- Quarter 1 = 50% Quarter 2 = 50%
- Late work: 1 *school day* late = half credit, work turned in more than 1 day late is not worth points
  - Please note – A day/B day is irrelevant here – work should be turned on a USH day if due date was missed
  - Assignments will be due at the beginning of the period, unless otherwise stated
  - (extensions may be granted at teacher's discretion*, only if discussed prior to due date)*
- NO CREDIT WILL BE EARNED DURING UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
- Cheating will result in a 0 for that task (for all parties involved)

Materials:

- Required: notebook or other paper, pen/pencil and iPad (charged)
- Optional: folder and colored pencils
- Textbooks may be checked out to keep at home (a PDF version is also available in Schoology)

Participation and behavior expectations:

- The following items are required for class: paper, pen/pencil and iPad (charged)
- Class begins when the bell rings/at the start of the period
- Be in your desk when the bell rings. Use only your assigned desk. No lining up at the door!!
- NORTH DAKOTA CELL PHONE BAN WILL BE ENFORCED
    - Cell phones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use from the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day, this includes passing times and applies to all spaces, including hallways
    - Cell phones WILL be taken if in use or in sight
- No earbuds unless specifically instructed to use for a class activity – used with iPad only
- WFHS FOOD & DRINK POLICIES WILL BE ENFORCED
    - No food in classrooms (unless provided by teacher) – this includes candy
    - All drinks must be in a container with non-spill lid
    - **Food or drinks NOT in a non-spill lid will be directed to be thrown away**
- Stay on task, pay attention, take notes and participate in discussions/activities
    - iPads must be connected to Apple Classroom!
    - **iPads will NOT be allowed during note-taking, class discussion, or other class activities**
- Signing out will be limited to emergencies only – Ehall Pass required
- All work must be completely independently, unless specifically instructed otherwise by Mrs. McKinnon. Working together without permission will be considered as cheating. Trying to pass off something as your own thoughts/work when it is not will be considered cheating.