West Fargo High School

Course: US History

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Office: 118E (Social Studies Office)

Classroom: 122 E

Expectations:

1. Be Respectful

- Show respect for **other students, teachers, and yourself**
- **Distracting devices** should not be used during class (includes cellular devices, MP3 players, fidget spinners, etc.**)**
- **Work up to the end of the class period.** Do not pack up your stuff if we are still conducting class activities
- **Stay in your seats until the bell rings.** Do not line up at the door!
- **No food or drink in the classroom** (except water in a sealed container)
- **Clean up after yourself** and use school/Mr. Purrier's property appropriately

2. Be Responsible

- **You** are responsible for your behavior, attitude, and schoolwork
- **Complete & turn in assignments on time.**
- **Assignments must be turned in on time to receive full credit.** Late work will receive partial credit and must be turned in before the unit test.
- **Cheating** of any kind, including **plagiarism**, will not be tolerated. Cheating will result in a zero for the assignment, quiz, or test.
- **Give your best effort–** group work, activities, projects, assignments, tests, etc.
- **If you have accommodations** (copies of notes, extra time on tests, etc.), **it is your responsibility** to let me know and ask for assistance.

3. Be Prepared

- **Be in your assigned seat when the bell rings**
- Life happens; if you are late for unavoidable reasons, **please bring a suitable pass to excuse your tardiness**
- **Bring your textbook, folder, and other class materials every day**
- **Prepare** for tests and/or quizzes

Text:

The Americans, McDougal Littell; 2012

Course Description:

In US History, students will learn about American history from the 17th century to the end of the 20th century. We will examine how past events have shaped the America we live in today, through various mediums including papers, projects, film clips and more. All students will be able to understand the history of our country and how it has shaped us as a nation.

Course Outline:

Ch. 4: The War for Independence

Ch. 6: Launching the New Nation

Ch. 10: The Union in Peril

Ch. 11: The Civil War

Ch. 18: America Claims an Empire

Ch. 19: The First World War

Ch. 20: Politics of the Roaring Twenties

Ch. 22: The Great Depression Begins

Ch. 23: The New Deal

Ch. 24: World War Looms

Ch. 25: The US in WWII

Ch. 26: Cold War Conflicts

Ch. 28: The New Frontier and the Great Society

Ch. 29: Civil Rights

Ch. 30: The Vietnam War Years

Ch. 32: An Age of Limits

Ch. 33: The Conservative Tide

Extra credit:

Opportunities may be given throughout the semester if the teacher deems it necessary.

Grading:

This class is based on a total point system. Your grade may include the following tasks:

- Small group activities
- Reading Quizzes
- Various activities and projects

- Unit tests
- Class discussions
- Participation
- Presentations
- Any other assigned work

Grade Scale

90 – 100% = A

80 – 89% = B

70 – 79% = C

60 – 69% = D

0 – 59% = F

Assignment Policy:

All assignments must be completed and turned in on time or a zero will be assigned.

Attendance:

1. You are responsible for the work you miss (no excuses for not knowing the assignments).
2. When absent, YOU must make an effort to make up your work ASAP!
3. School related absences – notify in advance! Tests and quizzes should be completed in advance!
4. If gone on day of test an alternate test can be given
5. If your absence is unexcused you will be given zeroes for any assignments done that day

Electronics

- Be Responsible!
- Cell Phone: We will follow the school's policy, which reflects state law.
- **Use your school device appropriately**
- Consequences for inappropriate use of technology:
  1. Verbal Redirection
  2. Marked UV- Hour of detention
  3. Removal from class
     - A restorative session must take place before student will be allowed back in class

What if I am absent from class?

- If you are absent, make every effort to make up your work as soon as possible. **Check the homework/notes area** for the day's events, assignments, & materials.
- If you miss an exam, you **will have to make arrangements to make up the exam at MY convenience**. Speak to me before or after class to arrange a suitable time.
- **If you will miss class due to a school activity,** it is your responsibility to let me know this ahead of time. Simply not showing up is unacceptable.

Other: Please see attached link for schoolwide policies regarding attendance, phones, food, etc...

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