

Advanced Placement United States History
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Course Description:

AP United States History is a rigorous but rewarding examination of the United States through a thematic application. Themes will be used throughout the course to draw meaning from the content. Students will be expected to complete a plethora of reading assignments on their own time. Also, students will be given many essay assignments, which will test their knowledge through the theme approach which has been given to each unit of study. Historiographic essays and analysis will be used by students to examine how people and events in U.S. history has changed or been interpreted due to different periods in history. The course incorporates material from Colonial America to the present.

The purpose of APUSH is for students to gain a thorough understanding of American History.

Learning Goals:

- Master and demonstrate understanding of historical knowledge and chronology
- Use historical data to support an argument or position
- Develop critical thinking skills by interpreting and apply data from original documents including cartoons, graphs, letters, etc.
- Identify and understand differing point-of-view regarding historical interpretation
- Prepare for and successfully pass the AP Exam

General Expectations

- (1) -Students will come to class prepared to discuss reading and homework assignments.
- (2) Students are expected to arrive to class on time with all necessary materials including text, handouts, homework and writing utensils.
- (3) Students will maintain a spiral notebook of notes taken during lectures and class activities.
- (4) Students will promote a collegiate, respectful atmosphere conducive to learning.
- (5) Students will keep electronic and hard copies of all work.

Makeup Policy

Students are expected to complete homework, tests and quizzes by the assigned due date. Ten percent will be deducted off your grade for assignments that are 1-5 days late and 20% (deduction) for assignments that are 6-10 days late. Such lenient makeup policy however is not applicable in the final week of each marking period.

Texts:

Brinkley, A. **Connecting with the Past.** McGraw-Hill Fifteenth Edition 2015

